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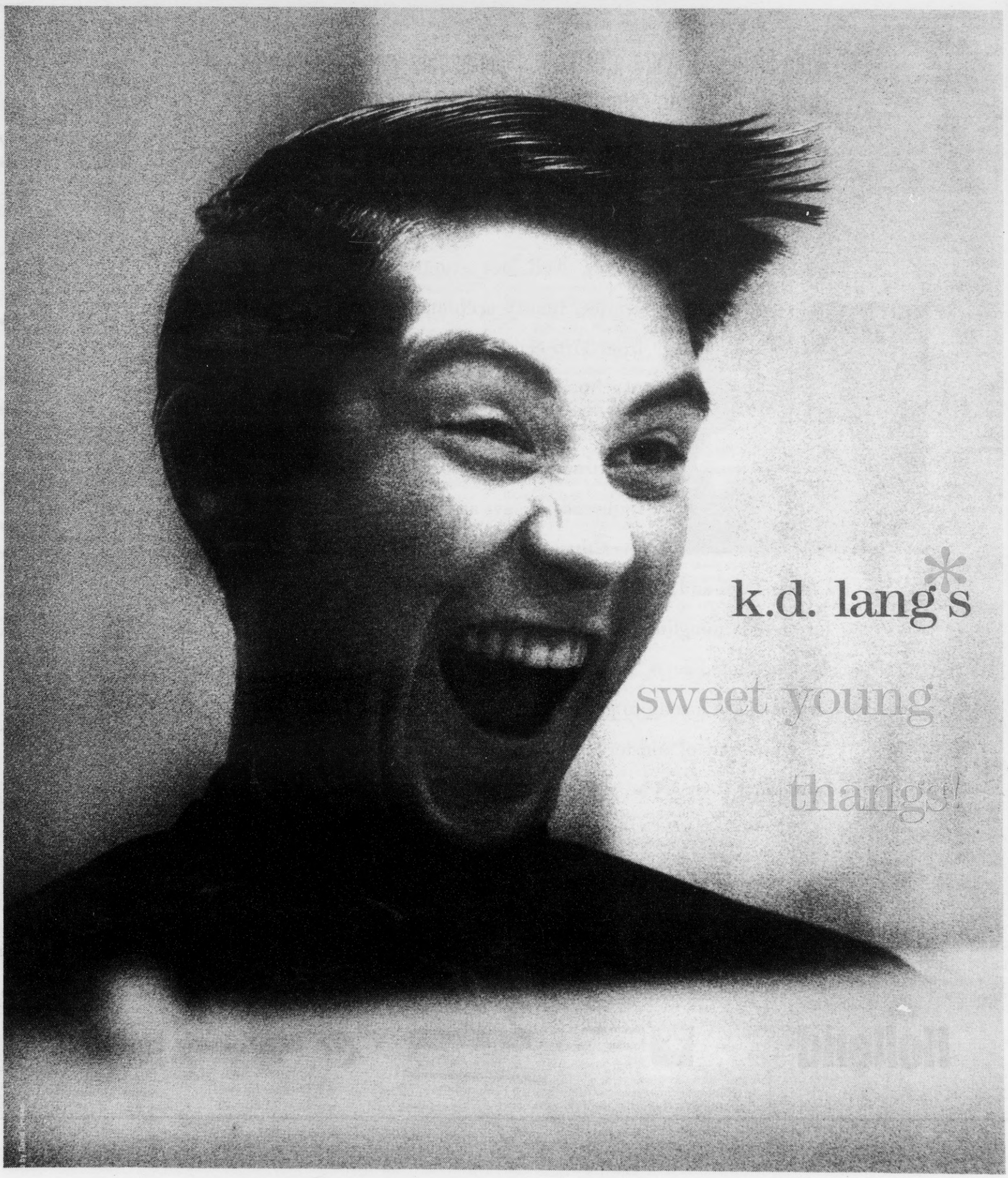

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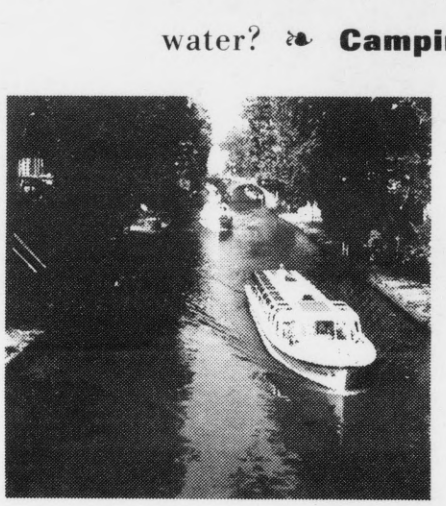

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Stop Scapegoating Pot

Why is it when we're on the verge of legalizing medical marijuana in San Francisco, thanks to the overwhelming 80 percent victory of Prop. P, that the police see fit to arrest Brownie Mary for baking medicine for AIDS patients, and to harass, bust and take cars from people for buying tiny amounts of marijuana in Oakland and San Francisco?

It is time for our police and civic leaders to stop scapegoating peaceable pot users and accept their own responsibility for the violence and crime caused by their prohibitionist war on pot. Isn't it time to end the war and legalize marijuana?

Dennis Peron, President
Medical Marijuana Restoration Association
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Invisibility: A Textbook Example

They came in waves of hatred and ignorance. Professing titles like "Reverend" and "Doctor," they claimed to have the facts. "Homosexuality inevitably results in AIDS." "Sadomasochism is a leading cause of death among gay men." "Gay people drink urine." "Young lesbians kill themselves out of shame for their own sin." "Homophobia is a myth."

And, of course, they came with the biggest "fact" of all: Homosexuals want children—to molest, defile and, ultimately, to recruit; children who will be forced to carry the great homosexual sin into a new generation. Predacious pedophilia, they declared, is the very essence of the militant homosexual agenda.

Those were the sorts of statements made on a hot summer afternoon in Sacramento, as the State Board of Education met last week to hear public comments on two new curriculum frameworks that will dictate the content of health and physical education textbooks used in our public schools. These frameworks include, for the first time ever, factual references to lesbians and gays. The references are actually quite small, even minimal. They confirm the existence of lesbians and gays, and little more. Yet, even these meager mentions were enough to evoke a chorus of hatred and denial from the bigots who traveled to Sacramento to testify under the misdirection of such homophobes as Lou Sheldon and his well-financed Traditional Values Coalition.

Of course, there were other voices at these hearings. Our community responded with characteristic grace and conviction. In the midst of what could easily have been taken for a KKK meeting, we spoke the truth about our many lives. But will the Board of Education hear the truth? Or will the board continue to listen to the lies and so condone the hatred?

A number of lesbian and gay youth addressed the board, telling stories of their own struggles against bigotry, isolation and invisibility. Some spoke with a poetic precision about their own suicide attempts and their own victories over hatred. And yet, no board member acknowledged these intrepid stories or the heroic youths who told them. No board member spoke in defense of our community.

Instead, Joe Stein, president of the board, complained that the public testimony had been "too narrow" and seemed to veer from "actual health issues." To hell with the lesbian couple whose son is taunted to tears each day at school. Forget about the gay teen contemplating suicide. Let's talk about the four food groups!

And so it went. But how will it go? Other board members might be more sentient than Stein, who has clearly alligned himself with the far right. We just don't know.

What we do know is that the Board of Education—comprised entirely of Republican appointees—has postponed its vote on the Health and Physical Education Frameworks until September, possibly later. They claim it would be wrong to "rush" the issue. Apparently, some of them are willing to tolerate lies a while longer. We cannot wait.

Should the Board of Education decide to censor the few remaining lesbian and gay references, the blood of another generation of youth will be on the hands of each member who fails to support inclusion and educational equity. It is neither melodramatic nor hyperbolic to observe that lesbian and gay youth are being victimized—at this moment—for lack of fair and factual information about their lives. Here, too, an awful algebra connects silence and death.

Now more than ever, our community must fight for inclusion in these frameworks. We can insist that the State Board of Education *educate itself.* We can remind our representatives in the State Senate to block the confirmation of homophobes to the Board of Education, however subtle or well-concealed that homophobia might be. We can demand that every member of this board, and future boards, *hear the truth.*

Homophobia is a health issue. Domestic partnerships are a model for healthy family life. California youth have an absolute right to substantive information about AIDS, sexual orientation and condoms. Gay and lesbian children are in every classroom in the state, and we ought to celebrate that existence.

In one sense, the bigots who massed at the capitol were quite right. We did go to Sacramento to fight for—and with—the children, the next generation of lesbian and gay people. And that fight must continue. Nothing less than the future is at stake.

Al Kielwasser
Project 21, GLAAD/SFBA
San Francisco

How to Respond to the Vatican?

I address my remarks to lesbians and gay men who still feel that their place is within the Roman Catholic Church, even after the recent attack by that organization on the rights of gay people. If you can think of ways to work openly for effective change within your church, I hope you will implement them soon. By "openly," I not only mean "as men and women identifying yourselves as oriented toward the same sex publicly to your congregation," but also "in a manner that will be readily visible in the media and in the general society." Those of us outside the church need to see your anger.

Although I am not a member of that church (in fact I am not even Christian), and although the church has demonstrated itself to be the adversary of the physical and emotional well-being of gay individuals on numerous occasions, I believe there is also a great potential within it to do good in the world. I do not want to see the more extreme elements in our community become embroiled in a sustained attack on Roman Catholicism as "the enemy"—a response they have shown themselves more than willing to do in the past—interrupting celebrations of the Mass or outing priests with a bullhorn on the steps of cathedrals.

Extreme positions invariably provoke extreme responses, and the church is no stranger to either in its long history. Neither is the gay community, in its relatively short history. I would hope we can avoid that. It cannot be a good thing for the terms "pro-gay" and "anti-Catholic" to be synonymous in the minds of the general public.

So again, I urge you, if you have any moderate, but effective, response to this latest affront to the gay community, coordinate it and get in gear (and into print) immediately. At a time like this, we can ill afford having the energy of our most active (and sometimes most extreme) voices channeled away from more urgent problems than dealing with the latest expression of homophobic sentiment by an institution that, after all, is the staunchest defender of the status quo in every society around the world. Unfortunately, I expect nothing more than such drivel from the Vatican on this subject.

Jim Carlisle
Alameda

African American Conference

We, the Bi-Afro Support Group and 3x3: Bisexual People of Color (which is part of the Bay Area Bisexual Network) are extremely pleased that Mary Midget is planning the First Annual African American Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Conference to take place in October 1992 in San Francisco. We have needed this for a long time: a yearly San Francisco/Bay Area conference that is uniquely for African Americans in the sexual minority, that is conceived by and inclusive of the entire community.

Our Bi-Afro Support Group is very eager to actively participate and educate our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters and other people about bisexuality from an African American perspective by offering a workshop at this conference. We feel a workshop and our diverse backgrounds will dispel many myths and stereotypes, increase awareness and understanding, build togetherness and acceptance, along with visibility. In short, unity for our entire community.

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The Pendulum Swings Back

This letter is in response to a letter that appeared in the July 30 *SF Bay Times* ("The Pendulum Swings... Not"), regarding the Pendulum's hiring policy and, more specifically, the lack of African American employees in visible positions. I write this letter as both an African American and as assistant manager of the Pendulum, and feel it is important to set the record straight on this issue.

The letter's author, W.W. Wilson, argues that because a significant portion of the Pendulum's patrons are African American, there should be more African Americans in visible positions. It is important to note, however, that while many of our patrons are African American, the management's policy has been to make the Pendulum a comfortable, inviting place for *everyone*—not just African Americans and Caucasians. That is reflected among both our clientele and our employees.

The Pendulum is an equal opportunity employer. Approximately 35 percent of our present staff is non-Caucasian, a significantly higher percentage than any other bar or gay business in the Castro area. Of the 14 permanent employees currently on our payroll, five are either African American, Hispanic or Jewish American. Of those five, two are DJs, one is a bartender, one a doorman, and I am a manager. In fact, it should be noted that I am the only African American bar manager in the Castro and, to the best of my knowledge, the only African American ever to have worked as a bar manager in this area. Therefore, to say that we do not hire African Americans for "visible" positions is simply untrue.

In examining the "visibility" issue, one must also take into account the large number of volunteers who represent the Pendulum at various community-based events. This includes athletes, titleholders and other similarly situated community service representatives. Nearly 40 percent of the people in that group are African American, Hispanic or Asian.

Mr. Wilson also makes the statement that we seem to "court the Black gay dollar." He seems not to take into account, however, that for many years the Pendulum has supported and assisted African American and other ethnic-based community services and political organizations with those Black gay dollars, among them the Black Coalition on AIDS, BWMT, the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, the EACH Program, Bay Area HIV Support and Education Services, and the 1988 Jesse Jackson Presidential Campaign. No other bar or gay business in the Castro can truthfully make such a claim.

As to the specific issue of hiring more African American bartenders, I concur with Mr. Wilson that in the perfect world that should be possible. Unfortunately, however, qualified gay African American bartenders are a rare commodity in this city. In the five months I have been involved with the Pendulum's hiring practices, I have received more than 100 applications for bartender positions and only three have been from African Americans. Of those three applicants, two had unstable employment backgrounds and the third did not show up for his interview.

It is also important to note that two of the African American bartenders terminated from our employ in recent years were let go with considerable cause and with mutual understandings that it was in the best interest of both parties to end the relationship. Similarly, certain African American barback and security employees who otherwise might have been able to move up to bartending positions were unable to perform the functions for which they were hired due to various personal circumstances and therefore became ineligible for any kind of promotion. And these situations have occurred not just with African Americans but with all employees across the board from time to time.

The bottom line here is that while I certainly aggressively seek to hire African Americans and other minorities, any decisions I make regarding hiring and firing must be made with sound business judgment. For me to reject a qualified, experienced applicant in order to hire a less qualified applicant simply due to race or ethnicity would not only be poor business management, it would be illegal based upon prevailing interpretations of relevant employment practice law.

Mr. Wilson is not alone in raising these concerns. No one to date, however, has approached us with any plausible, reasonable, cost-effective solution. If Mr. Wilson, or anyone else for that matter, would like to sit down with us and discuss this matter from a logical, business point of view rather than an emotional one, we would be more than happy to do so. The invitation for that dialogue is hereby extended. In the interim, I strongly suggest that it would be a more appropriate use of time and energy to try to

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k.d. lang's SWEET YOUNG THANGS

by Val C. Phoenix

K.D. LANG IS LOST. Arriving at the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa for a sound check, lang and her assistant find a trio of fans waiting to see her. The arrivals casually change their direction—first going one way, then the other—in order to avoid the trio, in the process completely missing the entrance to the theater. Entering the wrong door, they find themselves face-to-face with a large wedding in another part of the complex.

"Oh, jeez, I better go help her," says fan Candice Moenich. She darts after them, returning with k.d. in tow to direct her to the appropriate door. "What? Was she gonna sing at the wedding?" jokes another fan. She breaks out in chuckles. The group has been here since 3:30, and it is now 6:00. The show will start at 8:00, and if they're lucky, k.d. may come out to sign autographs around 11:00. Just another day on the k.d. lang tour.

Lesbians and gay men have been hip to k.d. lang for a number of years now, from her country period right through to her new, post-nuclear cabaret music. In the music industry, she has a good reputation and a number of showbiz friends, from Madonna to Liza Minnelli. But now the rest of the world may finally be catching on to her appeal.

Lang is in great demand suddenly and under a more intense spotlight than ever. Coming out certainly hasn't hurt her at the box office. Her concerts sell out, bringing in many first-time attendees, and soon she may even see some pop success. "Constant Craving," the first single off her latest album, *Ingenue*, is heading for the Top 40 charts.

But long before she achieved these benchmarks of success, lang staked out terrain as a singular performer. Her strength as a live act is impressive—hence the rush to see her shows. Hardcore k.d. lang supporters, often referred to as "lang thangs," will travel hundreds of miles to catch a show. Some follow the tour, as happened on lang's West Coast swing, which is still in progress. Showing up at k.d.'s sound checks hours ahead of time, they're rewarded with—at best—an autograph, or—at worst (which is most of the time)—not so much as a glance.

Lang has said she likes to keep her lesbian fans "tame," but they don't seem to mind being kept on a string. Candice is a 23-year-old lesbian from Vallejo, who describes herself as k.d. lang's "number one fan." She saved up for two years in order to take time off from her job at a ticket agency to follow k.d.'s current tour. Says Candice, "She's an incredible performer. She's got an incredible singing voice." Indeed, Candice has seen lang upward of 40 times and counting. Traveling with her lover by car, on this tour she has followed lang to Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Oakland and Los Angeles, and she's headed for dates in Texas as well. But no farther. "I can't take off any more time," she frets.

Lang's management at Bumstead Productions in Vancouver is well aware of her fans' dedication. Says Jules, who handles fan club operations for k.d., "I'm amazed at how much money people have to spend on their favorite artist, flying to the shows and such." She cites some fans who got on a plane to catch k.d. on her "Tonight Show" appearance in April.

Lang receives some 300-500 pieces of mail per week, all of which Jules reads. (At this point, k.d. hardly ever sees the mail.) Jules answers each letter with an invitation to join k.d.'s fan club, which numbers some 3,000 names, mostly from the United States. Jules seems to view her job with mixed feelings. "They always want more. They're very demanding," she sighs. She edits a quarterly newsletter that keeps fans in touch with k.d. news, and a hotline number is updated biweekly to keep fans apprised of k.d.'s latest appearances.

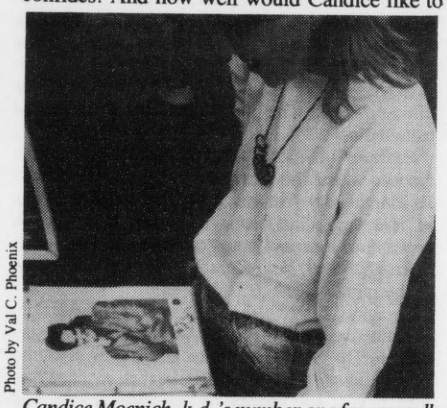
Candice is a member of the fan club, but counts on her own resources to amass information on the singer. The result is a scrapbook on lang that is about five inches thick and weighs 15 pounds. In it, she has collected interviews, reviews, ticket stubs and a prized signed promo shot. The collection has outgrown its binder and will soon move into a more spacious book. Candice carries the scrapbook with her to show to other fans, and hopes to show it to k.d. someday as well.

WE'LL SEE THE WORLD FROM MY HARLEY

About 20 fans are waiting for k.d. after a sold-out show in her adopted hometown of Vancouver. They stand within easy view of the star's olive green Harley-Davidson motorcycle, which is parked under a light by the stage door. Among those waiting is Patricia, who has come from Honolulu, Hawaii, for the show. She explains her passion for k.d. in religious terms. "She, to me, is like a Catholic and the Pope. I love this woman, period. I dumped my boyfriend for her." Patricia is a happy convert. "I celebrate her as allowing me to liberate myself. Being a woman is something to be proud of and loving other women is something to be proud of." Nearby, a giddy young fellow, one of the few men, pleads, "Someone catch me if I faint."

Everyone has a k.d. story. Candice's favorite, which she retells with obvious pride, is about her night with k.d. Well, actually, it's about how the band put her up for the night in Eugene, Ore., during the last tour. "I woke up the next morning, turned around, and walked into k.d." She says the two chatted for about half an hour. So what did they talk about? "Mostly about her show, how good it was," Candice replies, saying she found k.d. to be a "very quiet, totally mellow person."

Admiration mixes with desire in some fans' views. Having just come out, Patricia is now writing erotic stories involving k.d. "One is about being on the back of the Harley with her," she confides. And how well would Candice like to know k.d.? She responds with a grin, "Of course it's every lesbian's dream to get to know k.d. very intimately. I guess everybody would like that, but I would just like the opportunity to be able to sit down and spend a couple hours with her and just talk to her, you know, just to get to know a little more about her—about Kathy Lang, rather than k.d. lang."



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Candice Moenich, k.d.'s number one fan, proudly displays her prized scrapbook on the singer.

Those opportunities rarely occur—a measure of lang's contradictory nature. Onstage, she is an unabashed flirt. She'll shimmy all over the stage, mockingly strip off her jacket with a shake of her hips, and even place her hand dangerously close to her crotch, if it will get the point of the song across any better. She's a winking, grinning, spinning dervish onstage, but then she comes offstage and seems to shrink into a very ordinary, shy person. Says photographer Beth Strauss, who shot lang's last tour, "Probably one of her biggest faults is that she's very moody."

Leaving the site of the Vancouver show, k.d.—who's just entranced the crowd with three encores—appears at the side of her personal assistant, Darl, who tells everyone to line up, which they do. Lang stands still, staring straight ahead, as one by one, women shyly approach her with pieces of paper. She signs everything "love k.d. lang," but says not a word and makes no eye contact. Her expression is grim. The scene is utterly silent, save for a few cameras clicking in the dim light. Once Darl calls things to a halt, lang clambers onto her bike and takes off. "Thanks," she offers over her shoulder as she roars off down the street. The fans mill about, replaying the scene, then cheerfully disband, exchanging promises to regroup tomorrow.

This Kodak moment was one of k.d.'s more personable exchanges with her fans on the tour. Had there been more than 25 people, she wouldn't have come out to meet them at all. She generally arrives without a word and leaves through side doors to avoid the crowds at the stage door. It's a sobering contrast to the last tour, in 1989, according to Candice. "She was a lot more accessible last tour," she says, shrugging. "A lot more shows she would go outside and sign autographs." Says Strauss, "She's got her own agenda, and I can't quite fault her. You know, she's just put on a two-hour show."

AT ARM'S LANGTH

One wonders whether lang is put off by the ardor of her lesbian fans, who make up the bulk of the stage-door Jennys. Strauss says, "I don't think she shuns lesbians. Backstage, I'd see her taking

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Barbara Cameron Resigns from CUAV: Where to Now?

by Tim Kingston

On Tuesday, July 28, Barbara Cameron dropped the not-entirely-unexpected bombshell that she was resigning as executive director of Community United Against Violence (CUAV), effective Aug. 7. Her position at the beleaguered agency is being temporarily filled by CUAV board member Michael Thompson, currently a supervising case manager at the Center for Positive Care.

"There is a need for a different, stronger kind of leadership in the agency," says Thompson, who resigned from the CUAV board of directors to assume his new position as the board gears up for a nationwide search to hire a new director.

Cameron's resignation coincided with a request by Donna Medly for an emergency audit of CUAV. Medly is director of the San Francisco district attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program, which grants CUAV an annual $124,000—nearly half of CUAV's total annual revenues of $299,000.

Asked if there was any connection between Cameron's resignation and the emergency audit, CUAV Board President Andrew Meads replied, "I don't think so," and added that Cameron resigned for "personal reasons." Meads says he found out about the audit request shortly *after* Cameron announced her resignation. But, he added, "There were a lot of things coming that may have suggested to her the time was ripe... [The board] had been discussing with her her future prospects and her performance for quite a long time."

Cameron, however, says the primary reason for the resignation is because of "severe chronic health problems," which have "plagued me the entire time I have been at CUAV." Cameron says the final straw was the realization that she was scheduled for major back surgery later this month. "I need to take time off for my health," she says. "Right now the agency is at a major crossroads, and I just don't have it in me to lead it where it needs to go.... The job needs someone who works 60 hours a week, and I just can't do that."

Both Cameron and CUAV board members contacted by the *SF Bay Times* firmly reject rumors suggesting there was a monetary settlement between Cameron and the agency. They also deny there was a request from the board of directors for Cameron to resign.

Both community activists and CUAV board members are now hoping Cameron's resignation will jump-start an agency that desperately needs to regain both vitality and credibility.

"[The resignation] is a good thing for the community at large, and it is a good opportunity for CUAV to finally begin re-examining the way it manages the problems that the agency was founded to deal with," says Marvin Green, a member of the Street Patrol, and one of CUAV's more vociferous critics.

Meads believes that the departure of Cameron will be "a boost to the morale and spirit of the agency" after the initial period of trauma. Meads also praised the staff's capabilities and attempted to allay their fears about job security and the survival of the agency, saying, "I don't think anyone is even considering closing the doors."

Meads, however, did admit that "budget-required lay-offs" are "conceivable." How the staff feels about that situation is unclear due to off-the-record staff allegations of a temporary gag rule issued by the board. One staffer warns, "There is a very real possibility of CUAV going under. The staff is being held hostage by the board."

Meads denies the allegations that the staff is forbidden to speak to the media.

EASING OUT

According to sources close to the agency, Cameron's departure has been brewing for some time. Prior to Cameron's vacation in early July, she received two poor performance reviews from the board of directors.

"It is clearly evident that if you keep getting complaints from the board, you need to resign, or [you will be fired]," stated one source, adding that a recommendation to fire Cameron was made last year. "[Everyone] wanted her to resign to save face."

What may have finally tipped the scales in favor of Cameron's resignation was the near loss of CUAV's grant from the Victim Witness Assistance Program. In mid-July, Medly requested a meeting with Meads and Cameron on July 20 or 21 to discuss CUAV's delinquency in fulfilling its contractual obligations with that program.

Cameron was supposed to submit both narrative and statistical quarterly reports in a timely fashion, showing exactly what the agency was doing to fulfill the contract. Instead, Medly asserts, the reports for the past two or three quarters were late, and lacked statistical information and specific goals.

These contract issues loomed ominously until Medly conducted the audit. She met with Meads on Aug. 5, after finding out about Cameron's resignation. Medly agreed to continue funding the CUAV grant for three months, an immense relief to CUAV.

Medly says the short-term three-month contract requires that CUAV fulfill the previously defined contract. But, she also stresses, CUAV will be under "intense scrutiny" to assure the grantors

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her lover around and introducing her to people. Then again, if I'd walk out the door and there were a hundred screaming lesbians, I don't know how comfortable I'd feel. She's a pretty private person.'' The crowds on this tour seem admirably well-behaved, almost docile. There is no screaming, pushing, or rushing the star.

Onstage, it is a different story. Lang rules the stage through the powerful combination of her voice and manner. Gone are the tacky spangled outfits and herky-jerky dance steps of her country years. At a time when America is doing the ''Achy-Breaky,'' k.d. is over all that. She's moved on to uncharted genre-bending, calling her show ''a proverbial smorgasbord of sound and style...sure to titillate the musical palate.''

This sonic platter spans twenty courses, running the gamut from smoky ballads to stomping country numbers, which seem to satisfy the most demanding fan. Having replaced the reclines, k.d. is supported by a seven-piece band and two backing singers. The band is given the opportunity to shine on a lengthy improv rendering of ''Stop, Look and Listen,'' k.d.'s sole nod to her Patsy Cline fixation. Otherwise, she is in the spotlight, flexing her impressive voice on such workouts as ''Pullin' Back the Reins'' and ''Crying.''

She throws in a reworking of ''Big Boned Gal,'' a vintage lang tune that tells of a ''gal from Southern Alberta'' who wows 'em on the dance floor. In concert, it becomes an excuse for k.d. to do her version of silly walks. Only here, it's more like ''dyke walks,'' so pronounced and exaggerated are her swagger and step.

Fans in Seattle took up the challenge of emulating this style by participating in a k.d. lang look-alike contest at a local gay Country/Western bar. Five contestants sang lines from ''Big Boned Gal'' and walked across the floor to strut their stuff before their peers. The winner, who sported a flashy jacket as her prop, was rightfully proud, enjoying her moment in the spotlight. ''Everyone's always telling me I look like her,'' she said.

Lang's current show is less hyper than past efforts, a mark of her changed direction. In her songs, she cares less about having a good time than finding and keeping a lover. Always attracted to forerunners like the eternally heartbroken but defiant Patsy Cline, lang has turned her hand to writing songs about tragic, obsessive love affairs and unrequited cravings. New songs like ''Save Me'' and ''Outside Myself'' address the challenge of being oneself while trying to please someone else. They're directed at lovers, but could apply to the struggle of a performer to satisfy conflicting demands.

K.D.'S SHOCKING ANNOUNCEMENT

Onstage lang acknowledges her coming out, albeit in typical, joking campy style. ''I realize this is a family show,'' she said in Santa Rosa, nodding to a child in the front row, ''but, I have something to say. I AM A LE-AWRENCE WELK FAN!'' She cocks an ear to the crowd. ''I can hear you telepathically: 'Thank you k.d., I'm not the only one.' '' The announcement, repeated at every show, has particular resonance when she hits Oregon, where the gay community is under siege from right-wing forces and where lang's show in Portland, her sole stop in the state, sold out speedily. In fact, her performance, held in a city-owned theater, would not be sanctioned if the anti-gay measure passes.

So, is k.d.'s announcement a tip to gay fans or a cruel tease? Says Candice, ''She is a major tease. I think it's great, 'cause it gets the crowd going, and most of the people pick up on the references.''

Straight people at the shows seem more apt to celebrate lang's clowning or applaud her ''individuality'' than acknowledge her lesbianism. Asked about lang's coming out, one woman says hurriedly, ''Oh, that's her private life.'' Even Bumstead is taking the ''private life'' line. ''The general response has tended to be, 'Good for you, and who really cares,' '' says Jules. ''I'm amazed how open-minded the general public is.''

Jerome, an editor at Vancouver's gay newspaper, *Angles*, who has followed lang's career since her first single in 1983, has his own thoughts on her choice of words. ''When she says, 'I'm a Lawrence Welk fan,' maybe she knows her audience very well. Maybe she knows that's as good as she can get.'' He wonders, ''Is she supposed to say, 'I'm a lesbian'? Is she supposed to not touch it? Or can she say, 'I'm a Lawrence Welk fan?' When she says that, even the straight people know what she's talking about.'' K.d. allows the straight folk that level of comfort while giving her gay fans a wink and a nudge.

Lang is not one to overtly acknowledge any one group. She's said as much in her song, ''It's Me,'' which includes the line, ''Might not be all you want, but all you get is me.'' But, she's out. She's out there. She manages to feed and tease the straight people. She certainly knows we're out there watching her. Says Strauss, ''I don't think she acknowledges anybody explicitly. I don't think she goes out of her way to treat anybody nicer.''

Still, whatever her course, k.d. remains k.d., not a cookie-cutter pop star. Late in her show, she brings out an old chestnut from her first American release, the title track ''Angel With a Lariat.'' Now, more than ever, the song sounds screamingly out of whack with Nashville standards, calling as it does for an angel (presumably female) to rescue our heroine from her love problems. Amidst some heavy breathing, k.d. proclaims, ''I feel emancipation, not a worry'' with an exuberance that reaches out to the crowd and invites us to shed our worries as well.

It is a warm night in Oakland, the latest fare in this diet of strange places for lang and her followers. Candice feels that tonight was the perfect show. ''The sound, her voice, the band. Perfect.''

A large crowd has gathered by the stage door, but Candice and a few others are staked out some 20 feet away, next to the car that dropped k.d. off before the show. They figure if they stick with the car, they'll eventually find k.d. Sure enough, as the car edges up to the box office, k.d. and her back-up singers make a beeline for the vehicle, brushing past her number one fan. Candice manages to call out, ''Nice job, k.d.!'' to the singer's retreating back before the car speeds off. Just as quickly, the cluster of fans melts away into the night. They'll be back. There's another show tomorrow.

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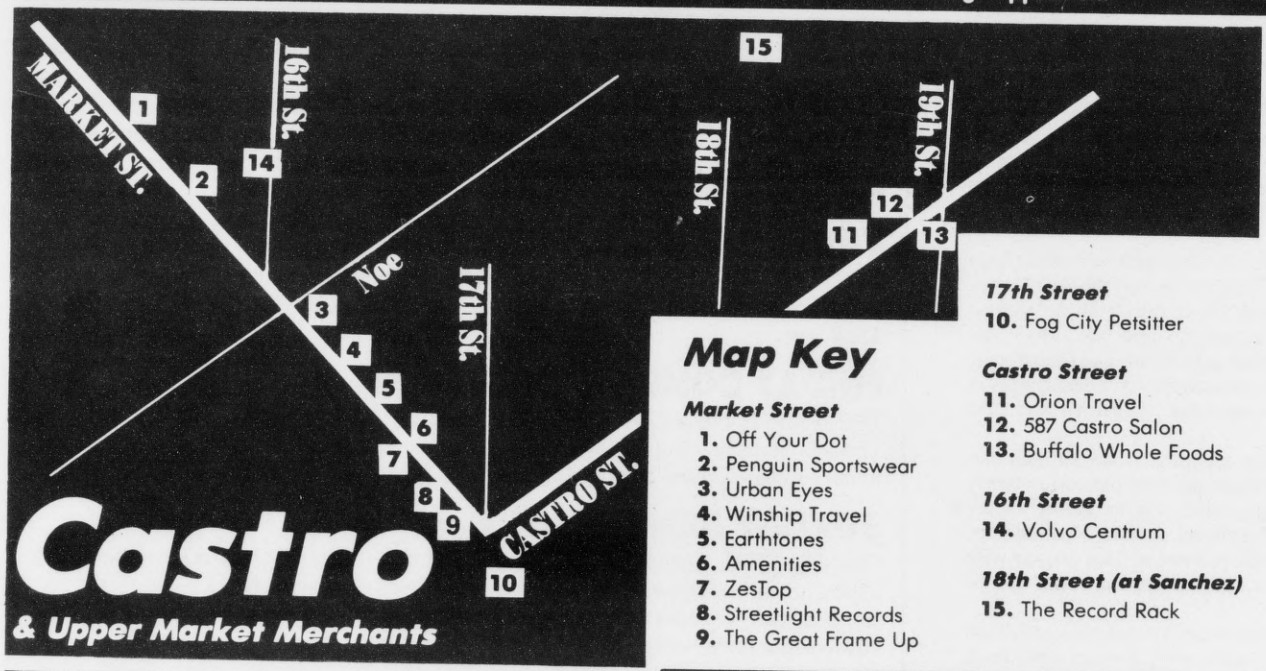

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that CUAV has its shop in order. "We need to make sure that they can do it," says Medly.

Another continuing complaint about Cameron's leadership at CUAV was her consistent inability to drum up alternative fiscal support for the agency, a role that executive directors normally fulfill in conjunction with the board.

"It is a very grant-dependent agency," says Carmen Vazquez, coordinator of Lesbian/Gay Health Services for San Francisco. "For CUAV to grow," says Vazquez, "it needs to be able to excite and involve community people—not only their time, but their money *and* their ideas."

Right now, almost all of CUAV's revenues consist of grants and contracts from the district attorney's office, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, community development block grants and the United Way. Very little money comes in from the community or major private donors. In fact, the last time that CUAV suffered a severe financial crisis, in the summer of 1991, Cameron's inability to raise funds was a major issue.

Over the past year, CUAV has been under attack for lacking a clear program. Questions have also been raised about its ability to provide mandated services. In addition, the agency was embroiled in an unseemly dispute with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence over control of Halloween night in the Castro.

"I think she failed in leadership," says William Hunt, a former CUAV employee now with the district attorney's office. "It was almost as if no one was at the helm.... There did not seem to be any direction. I kept hearing that CUAV was not doing its job." Hunt also says CUAV was not properly assisting clients and victims of hate crimes. He says, "They were doing intakes and not advocacy."

Despite the problems, Vazquez praised Cameron for her efforts to make CUAV more responsive to the needs of gays and lesbians of color. Vazquez also argued that not all the fault for the agency can, or should, be laid on Cameron's doorstep.

"She, like other past directors of CUAV, did not benefit from a sound board. CUAV has a real challenge in terms of making that agency's board of directors be one that can provide the agency with the direction and resources it needs to grow," states Vazquez.

INTO THE HOT SEAT

Thompson will have his hands full trying to bring the agency back from the brink. "There is a lot of work that needs to be done around the funding base. There is a lot of work that needs to be done around redefining its contracts [with various city agencies and grantmakers]. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in establishing new community contacts and local contacts."

The board and Thompson assert that one year is needed to fully do the job: nine months to restructure the agency, and three months to organize and complete a nationwide search for a new executive director.

Board Chair Meads hopes that the new director will encourage community members to join the board of CUAV, bringing it to its full complement of 12 members. "I hope to attract a more diverse group of people: more women and more people of color." Meads says he has already invited John Woods, a critic of CUAV and an activist with Outrage!, an offspring of Queer Nation, to join the board. Other activists and critics of CUAV, who are members of the Street Patrol and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, also say they want to join CUAV's board.

Foremost among Thompson's concerns is money. "We have to focus on fund-raising. That is one of the things the agency has never had: proactive fund-raising." Although CUAV is running in the black for the first time in years with a $10,000 to $20,000 surplus, Thompson says that this is mainly due to the fact that a number of staff positions have remained empty. He says that next year's budget will generate a $40,000 deficit if all the new programs, structural changes and new positions are implemented.

Thompson wants to give the staff sorely overdue wage increases, as well as clarify job descriptions, so the staff is not held accountable for "a million, trillion things."

For the past four years, Thompson's experience has been in the realm of HIV services, including AIDS Indigent Direct Services, the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and the California Prevention and Education Project. Prior to that, Thompson was involved in youth development work with the East Bay Conservation Corps.

BATTLING THE ULTRABLANDS

Many people believe it will take more than just a new executive director to restore their faith in CUAV: It will take an entirely new board of directors and rededication to the agency's roots.

"Who is the board ministering to?" asks Randy Schell, chairman of the Victims of Violence Advisory Committee, and a former senior advocate at CUAV for a decade. "They are ministering to people like themselves: the ultrabland."

Other critics believe that the emphasis on the failings of the former executive director misses the point: The board of CUAV has never been sufficiently involved in long-range planning or detailed discussions about the direction the agency should be taking.

Schell asserts that in the early days of CUAV, the board of directors was made up of a variety of people from entirely different backgrounds, each fighting for their particular ideas with such dedication that fistfights occasionally broke out. But now, he says, the board consists of professional types who are scared to stand out on a limb.

"In the ten years I was at CUAV, I have seen every director of the agency leave in some sort of scandal," says Schell. "That tells me there is something wrong with the agency, and since the agency's mission is, in most ways, precipitated by the actions of the board of directors, then, I concluded, something is wrong with the board."

That criticism is acknowledged by both Thompson and Meads, who affirm their dedication to recruitment of a new board. Meads adds, "It is the agency's responsibility to set up structures to gauge the concerns of the community, and that is what we will do."

The departure of Barbara Cameron may be the catalyst for a soul-searching overhaul of the entire agency, but Yates warns the moment must be seized. "It can be a turning point, but I don't think it is guaranteed. That depends on who is steering it or driving it. But if you have the same interests running it as before, it will not be a turning point."

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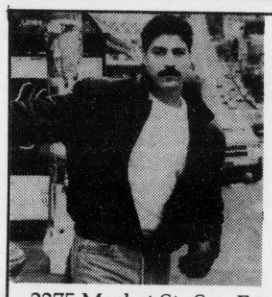
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Cruising can result in recreational sex. But cruising can also involve endless hours of game-playing. For best results, a hunter's instinct is required.

Cruising can mean a quest for love and companionship. It can mean a life-long addiction to conquest and fresh flesh. Cruising can entail danger and an opportunity for crime, violence and murder, as exemplified by Corll, Gacy, Bonin, and Dahmer, all engaging, seemingly eligible white male cruisers—and each one, a mass murderer.

Cruising means survival for some. Families disown their children because of homophobia and ignorance. They turn them out into the streets for a life of prostitution, sexual abuse, emotional damage and risk of AIDS. Cruising is what the cholos do while driving down the block; the straight swingers do it on Union Street. Hookers cruise all over the world. Cruising is William Friedkin's 1980 film of the same name. Cruising is how we interact, network, socialize with each other and find partners for sex.

Some men cruise for attention—just to see if they still have "it." Some HIV-positive men are angry and want to give back what they received anonymously. Some HIV-positive men fear disclosing their status so much that they will have sex with someone without ever mentioning that they have it. Some HIV-negative men have a death wish and cruise to find someone to expose them to the virus. In gay America, the closer you are to being handsome, twentysomething, trim, athletic, blonde/blue, the more enjoyable the experience of cruising will be. The farther away you are from that archetype, the more depressing the experience can be. I can't speak about cruising for women—though I have cruised a couple by mistake—but I can talk about cruising men!

THE GOOD OL' DAYS

Back in the '60s and '70s we used to do some serious cruising at the trucks, Central Park, Griffith Park, Lincoln Park, Buena Vista, and last but not least, every YMCA in the known universe! The baths, the bars, the tea rooms, the streets, the subways were scandalous! Cruising gave us a sense of rebellion, a sense of adventure. We had real sex back then, the kind that makes you grunt and sweat. We were sort of like stray dogs sniffing each other's butts. Hedonism was "in," and the worst thing that could happen was crabs, hepatitis or gonorrhea.

Much more multi-generational interaction occurred back in the good ol' days. Being with people different from you was not as intimidating and a lot more fashionable. Even though there were fewer organizations, there was a greater sense of community. And a greater demand for mentors. There were serious parties. Friends introduced friends. Friends cared for each other, both sick and well, back then. The A list was not as white as it is today.

Some gay men have always had anonymous sex in back alleys, toilets, parks and sleazy places. The problem is the absence of social acceptance. We were socialized to believe our love was not worthy of social sanction; was not respectable enough for mainstream society. So we met in dark alleys and mafia-owned bars. They say heterosexual union is institutionalized in our society in ways that homosexuality will never be. And we have bought into that idea with our denial of who we are and our internalized anger over not being accepted. So we have hidden our affection for each other and covered it with masquerade and cheapness to suit the occasion.

We are taught heterosexual marriage equals respectability in this society. The church deifies heterosexual marriage. Boys and girls are conditioned to think they must seek union with each other. And people marvel at the divorce rate! Many of us are fucked up because our society will not allow us to cruise for what we want; for what comes naturally. Gay liberation has bought us political affiliation without social relevance. We have institutionalized commercial businesses. Bars are our altars. We have not invested in community centers, canons and values. Many of the commercial establishments have not supported gay community centers because they see them as counter-productive to their business interests.

There is such division in our "community" that the vision and relevance of community is not always clear. Gay relevance is clear at the polls and on special occasions. But we really define who we are in such small ways that entire social circles have died out. Many of us are left alone with only Jeff Stryker and our VCRs.

MODERN-DAY CRUISING

Cruising has gone high tech. Computer bulletin boards tend to separate the poor from the middle-class. But class standing may be one of the new too-numerous criteria upon which selection is based. Do you have muscles? Do you make more than $50,000 a year? Are you uncut? Are you long, tall, short, fat, thin, hairy? Gone are the days when you saw a man you liked who liked you. Today you may well wonder, is he HIV-positive? Is he a substance abuser? Is he crazy? Is he employed? Is he hustling? Is he homeless?

Young white men I talk to tend to take queerness for granted. Older GWM tend to see gay activism as a catalyst for making being gay more acceptable, but not necessarily for improving cruising standards. I tend to travel where gay expression is visible and prevalent. But because of segmented interests, and greater openness, there is more acceptance and comraderie between urban and rural men through personals in a variety

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The reversal in socialization in the white community for Blacks who grew up with integration has been difficult. My address book was about 70 percent white in my 20s. Now, in my 40s, it's about 30 percent white. As a middle-class BGM, I was never fully accepted in either Black or white society. There is a Black middle-class which has never come to terms with interracialism and its own internalized anger. And the Black gay middle-class also has never challenged and held accountable the Black community in the way that the gay community has confronted straight white America.

Many Black gay interracialists have pursued white trash because our white contemporaries were by and large unavailable. While many older GWM who had lost their appeal to other GWM were pursuing their gorilla sex fantasies with Black men, Black middle-class men were pursuing their hillbilly and hippie fantasies with white men of lesser means. Young, fine, lower-class whites were available in many ways their well-heeled brothers would never be. Of course, there are exceptions. But they are exceptions. There are bars which cater to multicultural mingling across the country. And some of them also cater to drugs, prostitutes and very bad boys.

While Black intellect and studied articulation would both confuse and turn off many white men, white refinement suggested somebody who was slumming and probably only interested in sex. For BGM and BM who did not identify with being gay, there were (and are) the adult bookstores in another part of town. There also are men like Truman Capote, Gore Vidal, Paul Cadmus, James Baldwin and Christopher Isherwood, who have been singularly unimpressed with what "gay" has meant to them.

WHAT WE SHARE IN COMMON

Those of us who want more have a hunger that shows in our eyes and haunts us as we grow older. We want someone to console us when we cry as much as we want safe sex. We want companionship and more significant compatibility than just the same color. We want someone of whom we may be proud. Gay life is not so gay on this side of 40 if you are single and desire companionship. As the avenues for cruising diminish along with the desirable possibilities, we become more innovative and pragmatic.

Whatever your age or physical allure, these are scary times in which to cruise. There's the danger of AIDS, con men, murderers, thieves, substance abusers, sexually addicted men, emotionally damaged men, abusive men, violent men, men who can't decide what they want, men who have to be "free," men who are already committed (who are gaming you) and looking for a little action on the side. The games are fierce and deadly.

I'LL SHOW YOU MINE IF YOU SHOW ME YOURS

What we need is a game plan—to find mutual interest and to build on it. Those of us who share a need for gay socialization need to re-discover gay values. The reason we used to like the same sex was because the same sex was fun and sexy to be with. We need to bring back fun! To bring back diversity!

For my part, I did a salon. I had a buffet and asked all of my creative guests to perform. Proper introductions were made. Numbers were exchanged. This encourages novice writers and helps establish a safe space in which to admire brightness and creativity without worrying about competing with witless drunks and bad disco music or worrying about who is the most buffed, flawless stud muffin in the room. You share the spotlight because of what you have to offer.

You could plan an event around people who interest you, and interact with people who are older, younger or different from you. You may be surprised at how much fun you will have! No, I will not come bowling with you or play miniature golf. But, hopefully, this will motivate you to do something besides cruising on a corner. It's another very healthy way of meeting quality people.

Of course, if this doesn't work, I'll see you on the corner of 18th and Castro. I'll be in the tortoise frames, cords and the butch vest.

Mutiny at the Oakland Police Department?

by Tim Kingston

It was supposed to be a quiet day down at the Alameda County Needle Exchange in West Oakland on Aug. 8. After all, the Alameda County Exchange (ACE), Oakland's first needle exchange program, had debuted on July 25 in a blaze of local publicity. The first two appearances of ACE went off without a hitch, allowing about 20 clients to exchange over 250 syringes. There was no public outcry and no major police presence.

But it was "third time unlucky" that Saturday when the Oakland Police Department (OPD) showed up in force. Three OPD officers and two squad cars descended on the exchange and confiscated all the clean syringes, telling ACE Director Scott Halem that the OPD officers were under orders to come back next week if ACE tried to open up for business again. Halem says the officer in charge, Sgt. Arthur Roth, "was apologetic and said he understood what we were doing and that he supported [the exchange]. But he was under orders that all syringes were to be confiscated."

Sgt. Roth has since stated that needle possession is still a criminal offense, and stressed that he was asked by his watch commander to take the most benign approach possible and *not* make any arrests. "The last thing I want to do is interfere with AIDS prevention, but it is my duty to enforce the law, and we have to do that. But we hope this is resolved at a higher level."

"This is ridiculous," groaned Ricky Bluthenthal, director of the East Bay Project of the Urban Health Study. "West Oakland has a ton of problems. They should not be wasting two cruisers, a sergeant and two officers, harassing us and scaring off clients. It just does not make sense."

Gerald Lenoir, director of the Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA), charges that the police action could cripple the exchange before it even gets off the ground. "People won't use the exchange if the police are hovering around. If they take the syringes, it will effectively shut us down. We don't intend to lay down and let this happen."

According to Bluthenthal, the HIV-infection rate among West Oakland injection drug users (IDUs) who are not in treatment is 17 percent—second only to Richmond's outrageous 32 percent HIV-infection rate in the same population. One reason ACE targeted West Oakland was because of the high rate of infection among IDUs not in treatment. What is unusual about ACE, compared to other Bay Area needle exchanges, is that it is primarily staffed by people of color, offsetting the oft-hurled charge that needle-exchange programs consist of white people interfering in other people's communities.

The actions of the OPD have confused and angered needle-exchange volunteers and city officials alike. Don Perata, Alameda County District 3 supervisor, says, "Alameda is now number one in California with HIV infection, and it is growing among the IV-user population in East and West Oakland. My own position is simple: If needle exchange can discourage this trend, we should try it!"

ABOUT FACE?

What particularly enrages ACE volunteers is that they thought a deal had been struck between Mayor Elihu Harris' office and the OPD to leave ACE alone. Halem and Lenoir believed that the Mayor's office and the city manager's office told Oakland Police Chief George Hart that enforcement of syringe possession laws should be given the lowest possible priority. Lenoir adds, "We have got the support of Mayor Elihu Harris."

But Deputy City Manager Avon Manning says the "deal" was more of an effort at *persuading* the OPD not to come down on ACE, as opposed to a direct order that may not be legally possible anyway. Manning says he told the OPD that "the number-one areas of concern in our city are curb-

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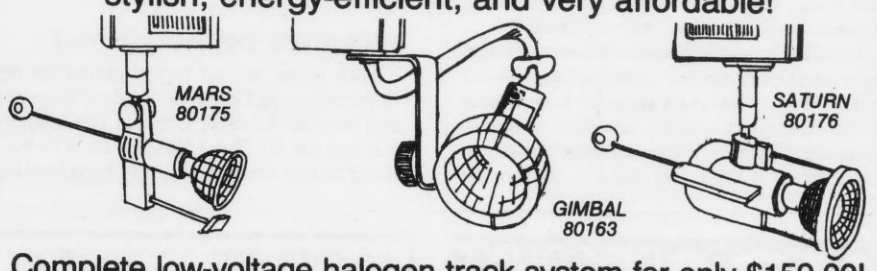

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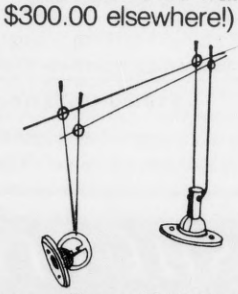

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A Size Queen's Dream Scheme:

Why Bush and Quayle Can't Paint, Sculpt, Write—Or Spell

Not atypically, and not unsurprisingly, an *Examiner* columnist is indulging a little het-bashing as he works a ferocious queer agenda: "The power totems in our society inversely reflect nature's intent. Poor, dumb, aggressive straight guys, who have the least going for them biologically, hold most of the power. Women, generally speaking, are in second place with gay men way down in third..."

Granted, the writer unwittingly suggests that it's "nature's intent" that women should be subordinate to men; if the totemic order is reversed, women still fall second. But how refreshing that a mainstream press-ette is blasting the queer-phobic status quo: "Scared people suppress those who scare them. Deprived of their natural female brains and tossed into pre-natal baths of aggressive hormones, straight men are plenty scared. So they cower inside pathetic poses of toughness."

My feelings exactly. Now, if only this reporter would attack institutions—but wait: "If the military services and the Boy Scouts, to name just two examples, had enough gray matter to bait a fish hook, they'd see that policies excluding homosexuals are pathetic fear reactions..."

I couldn't have said it better. Of course, I might have mentioned queers' contributions to—but wait: "We all know that gay people have enriched the military and scouting since both came into existence. If anything, these organizations should live in terror of a day when gay men and women say to hell with them and walk out."

I know what you're thinking: *Ex* columnist, het-bashing, queer agenda—must be that renegade queen Barry "Mary" Walters. She's *always* writing stuff like that in the "Style" section. Or maybe it's "Style" art critic David "Bobo" Bonetti, another sister agenda-worker. Right?

Wrong. The above is from Bill Mandel's Aug. 3 column on the recent finding by UCLA researchers that the anterior commissure, a nerve cord that allows the two brain halves to communicate with one another, is larger in gay men than in women and nongay men. (As Mandel points out, "Unfortunately, the... researchers compared the brains of gay men, straight men and 'women,' without knowledge of the women's sexual orientation. This lopsides everything, scientifically speaking...")

An increasing sensitivity to gay/lesbian/AIDS issues permeates Mandel's recent work; here, he goes a step further, deconstructing the research to expose one root of society's prejudice against the lesbian/gay Other. Not bad—for a straight guy.

"BOLSTERS THE THEORY THAT"

Each of the Aug. 1 papers played the news differently—the *Chron* and the *Ex* front-paged it (the latter an AP report); the *LA Times* ran it on B1; and the *NY Times* buried it on A7—but all noted that the findings suggest a biological basis for homosexuality, which in turn could lead to eventual societal acceptance of queers.

The *NYT*'s Natalie Angier wrote that some "embraced the finding as added proof that homosexuality is inborn rather than a chosen behavior, and that therefore all discrimination against homosexuals should be illegal, just as it is against minorities or women." AP reporter Paul Recer wrote in the *Ex* that "The finding... bolsters the theory that sexual orientation is not a matter of choice, but a function of biologial design of development." *Chron* reporter Charles Petit noted that the brain differences, "if confirmed by further studies, reinforce growing conviction among many scientists that most gay men, and presumably lesbian women [*lesbian women*?], do not consciously choose their sexual preferences but are naturally born with them."

The *LA Times*' Thomas H. Maugh II reported that the study "also further discredits the myth that parental influence—such as the stereotypical domineering mother—turns children toward homosexuality." Angier of the *NYT* sounded the loudest cautionary note: "Some researchers... warned that so little is known about how the brains of higher animals work that to assign function or meaning to slight discrepancies in anatomical features is a gross oversimplification."

Interestingly, as the *LA Times* reported, "Homosexual men typically score more like women on tests of both verbal facility and spatial reasoning," which led the *Examiner*'s Mandel to muse that "it may well be that gay men's historic prominence in the arts—Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, etc.—lies in the largest anterior commissures."

Mandel's quippy conclusion, as regards straight guys' queer fears: "Life's no picnic when you suffer from anterior commissure envy."

IDEOLOGICAL ELEPHANTS: (BIG) TRUNK AND DISORDERLY

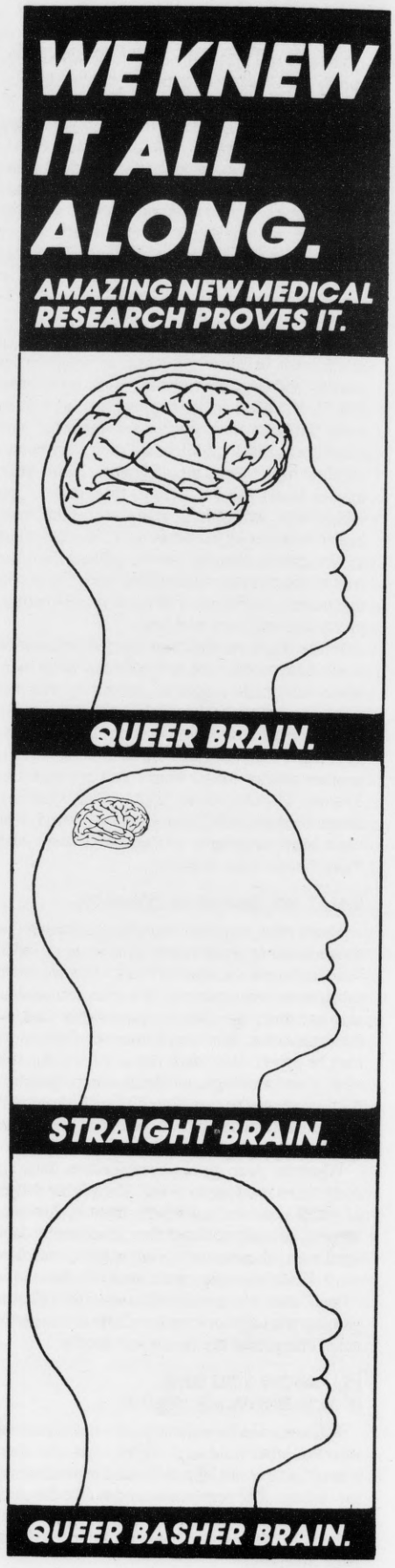
If gay men enjoy enlarged anterior commissures and the smarts that attend them, then it could be shrinkage of another kind—in values, perhaps?—that allows some gays to become conservative Republicans.

"To be gay, conservative and Republican is not a contradiction. I'm all three," Marvin Liebman began his May 26 *New York Times* op-ed piece. Noting that "we *are* everywhere—except as an open and accepted presence in the Republican Party," Liebman writes, with tortured syntactical agreement, that "by refusing to admit that we are an integral part of the party... we have been forced into yet another closet."

To hear Liebman tell it, to be gay, conservative and Republican is an *absolute* contradiction, his protestations to the contrary notwithstanding. Noting that the Republican Platform Committee refused to allow gay/lesbian representatives to appear before it last May, Liebman listed some of the recommendations gay leaders would have made. The laundry list—an executive order allowing gays and lesbians to serve in the armed forces; domestic partner rights; civil rights legislation including sexual orientation—seems utterly Quixotic, given the Grand Old Party's staunch stand against each item.

The Republican Party's ailing presidential campaign has made it clear queers are outside the "traditional values" it trumpets. (This column's contention, three issues back, that queers are this year's Willie Horton was echoed by an Aug. 3 *Time* report: "After Willie Horton, Are Gays Next?") Leaving aside the easy analogy—of gay Republicans to, say, Jewish Nazis—it's still incomprehensible that lesbians and gays could identify with, support and even feel embraced by the GOP. In a June 8 piece on "Homocons" (homosexual conservatives), *New Republic* reporter Matthew Rees quoted a survey saying that as many as "11 percent [of gays identified] themselves as Republican," a number which might be low since "many [gay Republicans] are closeted and leery of polls."

Rees reports that "the primary reason gay Republicans stay in the GOP is that philosophically they have more in common with Republicans than with Democrats... they tend to be skeptical of anti-discrimination laws and hate-crimes legislation." Gallingly, one homocon tells Rees he's "an ardent supporter of the right to discriminate as long as force is not used." Adds Justin Raimondo, the queer head of last spring's San Francisco Pat Buchanan campaign (the *Ex*'s Rob Morse wrote an entire column about Raimondo at the time—without once naming him): "People have the right to discriminate."



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Displaying the taffy-pulling doublespeak that characterizes his party's discourse, Raimondo adds that "the problem isn't the message, it's the messenger. Pat [Buchanan] is saying the same thing the San Francisco AIDS Foundation is saying, but it's considered homophobic when he says AIDS is transmitted through anal sex." Not true: it's considered homophobic when Buchanan says, as he has, that AIDS is "nature's retribution" against gays; nowhere has the S.F. AIDS Foundation said that.

Granted, in the face of young, conservative business voters who now wield increasing GOP influence, it appears there may be a slight shift

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away from the hard-right zaniness that's characterized recent Republican ideology. But it's not enough. The Aug. 5 *New York Times* reported that once-middle-class and conservative Orange County is becoming a multiculti center of unemployment disaffection (the aerospace and military-heavy economy has suffered: in the past year, 30,000 jobs were lost). As such, it's seething with anti-Bush resentment and an unanticipated shift Clinton-ward. The young businessfolk are fiscally conservative but socially and environmentally liberal—one-time Reagan Democrats who now revile the Bush-Quayle dependence on the far right. They hear, loud and clear, Clinton's centrist economic message commingled with his liberal social agenda.

It's conceivable that homocons could be listening for the same clarion call. But they're not going to find it in the current Republican party, regardless of its minor liberalist ticks. It's a party that despises the sick, the underclass, and those who differ from the white-right symbolic "norm." Although some gay and lesbian Republicans may be white, and may do right, they ain't the "norm" their Christian-beholden political brethren hail.

Marvin Liebman pointed out in his *Times* oped piece that "gays and lesbians, almost always in the closet, were among those who helped found, nurture and maintain the [Republican] party." Precisely the point: Homocons *had* to remain in the closet; no straight Republican wanted to deal with them. Furthermore, for all the mothering gays may have done for the party, it turned around and spit on them in public, time and again. And so it does today: Bush and Quayle continually hammer queers in the same subtle code that made their racist attacks in the 1988 election so effective.

Seen in this light, queers who "nurture" the GOP appear to be like those battered spouses who stay with lovers because "he really loves me, and he means well." Abuse by any other name is still abuse—especially when, as in the case of gay Republicans, it's at the price of one's very soul.

BETTER DEAD THAN EDUCATED?

If nothing else, the Republican party, as epitomized by its last two presidential figureheads, has murdered, by its neglect, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children with AIDS—a fact not lost on increasingly radicalized, HIV-positive sports star Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

Currently a member of the unfortunately bullying U.S. Olympics "Dream Team," Johnson last month told the press he's ready to end his tenure as a member of President Bush's National Commission on AIDS. "Whether it's care, hospice, housing or whatever, we just can't get funding," Johnson said in a July 14 CNN interview. "Every time we ask for meaningful funding, we get shot down by the president," Johnson added, noting he won't support Bush's re-election bid, and will announce upon returning from the Olympics his intention to quit the panel.

The CNN interview prompted a July 15 *LA Times* editorial blasting the administration's AIDS funding and education efforts. "How about... information on how someone *can* get AIDS—information that isn't squelched by political considerations over whether frank terms might offend, that is unambiguous, that reaches all Americans?" the editorial fumed.

Johnson's frank assessment of the dangers of AIDS, printed in his gay-sensitive, safe-sex-intensive book, *What You Can Do About AIDS*, prompted K mart, Walgreen's and the Texas-based HEB grocery chains to ban the tome from their shelves last June. This is the kind of thinking that gets people dead; the kind of thinking that epitomizes right-wing Republican beliefs (the same thinking to which homocons regularly expose themselves); the kind of thinking that slams the door on millions of citizens.

It's the kind of thinking that can only originate in people with tiny, tiny, tiny anterior commissures.

(Because my anterior commissure needs revivifying, I'll be taking off next issue. A happy rest-of-the-summer to you; see you in September, when things—especially in the presidential campaign—will really *heat up.)*

news briefs by tommi avicolli mecca

Jordan Goes After Panhandlers, Immigrants

SAN FRANCISCO - Mayor Frank Jordan has placed two ballot measures on the November ballot: one outlawing aggressive soliciting, the other revising the City of Refuge ordinance.

The anti-aggressive-solicitation measure would prohibit harassing acts in connection with soliciting money. Violators would be charged with a misdemeanor and subject to a fine and/or community service or jail. Jordan says that his Citizens Assistance Center receives 15 calls per day from people who have been "verbally abused, accosted and spat upon by aggressive panhandlers."

The other measure would amend the San Francisco administrative code to require law enforcement agencies to cooperate with the Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding persons convicted of a felony within the state of California. "San Francisco shall always be a sanctuary for oppressed peoples, but not ever a sanctuary for convicted felons," said Jordan.

The ballot initiatives were quickly denounced by lesbian Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg as "an attempt by a visionless mayor to make it appear as if his administration was accomplishing something—anything—of substance."

As for the panhandling measure, "It was created for two cynical reasons—one, to increase the polarization between those who are poor and those who are not; and two, to increase the turnout of San Francisco's more conservative voters."

Dignity Prez Returns Document

SAN FRANCISCO - Kevin J. Calegari, the president of Dignity/USA, the national group of lesbian and gay Catholics, literally tacked Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger's latest homophobic letter onto the door of his Vatican office in an envelope marked "return to sender."

The latest pronouncement from Ratzinger, the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog agency, denies that "sexual orientation" is equal to race or sex, and justifies both violence and discrimination against gays/lesbians/bisexuals, stating, "There are areas in which it is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account," including placement of children for adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers and in military recruitment.

In a letter to Ratzinger, Calegari described the cardinal's stance as "yet another mean-spirited and unjust attempt...to propagate myths, untruths and misconceptions about lesbian and gay persons, and deny them the rights and privileges of full membership in the church and society."

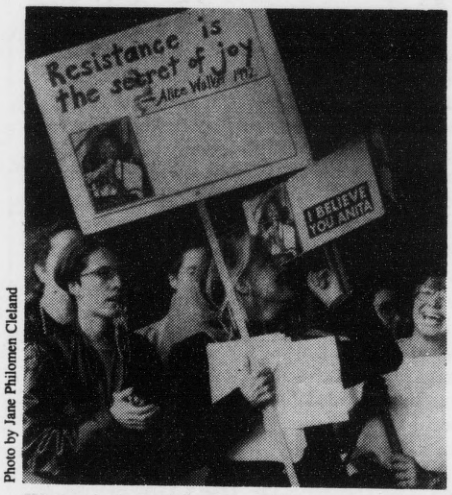
The head of Dignity actually secured a meeting with Ratzinger's assistant on July 25.

About a week later, at a press conference outside of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops headquarters in Washington, D.C., Calegari challenged U.S. bishops to repudiate Ratzinger's document at their upcoming meeting. He also called on the bishops to support gay rights legislation.

Gay Murders in Mexico Protested

NEW YORK - The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center's International Lesbian and Gay Association Committee has issued an alert to human rights and political activist groups and individuals to protest a rash of gay murders in Mexico City last month.

Police investigation into the case, says Enrique Asis, Latin American Coordinator for the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, "is dangerous. They are obviously more interested in the particulars of the victims' sexual lifestyles than in clarifying the facts of the crime."



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Women's Action Coalition (WAC!), which formed its SF chapter Aug. 5, held a picket rally at the American Bar Association's national conference in SF, protesting its lack of support on abortion issues. Over 400 people attended.

Sodomy Statute Signed Into Law

NICARAGUA - Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro signed into law a new penal code that makes sodomy a crime punishable by up to four years in prison. The bill, passed by the National Assembly on June 11, was signed without informing either the press or the opposition Sandinista block.

Enrique Asis, Latin American coordinator of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, located in San Francisco, said, "While other countries are making progress on human rights issues, the Nicaraguan government is moving backwards by making homosexual relations illegal."

The law cannot be enforced until it has been published, which has not occurred. Following publication, opponents have 60 days to challenge its constitutionality before the Supreme Court. The Nicaraguan Center for Constitutional Rights plans to file a challenge based on the guarantee of the right to privacy.

Lambda Sues Boy Scouts

NEW YORK - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has brought suit against the Boy Scouts of America and the Monmouth, New Jersey, Boy Scout Council for discrimination against a young gay Eagle Scout. The suit, the first to be filed under New Jersey's new gay rights bill, is the latest of several cases across the country challenging the Boy Scouts' anti-gay discrimination policy.

Lambda is representing 21-year-old James Dale, who, while spending more than half his life in the Boy Scouts, achieved its highest rank, earned 30 merit badges and was invited to become an Assistant Scoutmaster in Matawan, New Jersey. But all that was for naught, as he was kicked out of the Scouts after a local paper ran an article picturing him at a seminar on the needs of gay teens. Under pressure, the Scouts admitted that they canned Dale because of his homosexuality.

Fa to Run for School Board

SAN FRANCISCO - Angie Fa, chair of the Asian American Studies Department at City College, wants to be the first lesbian of color on the School Board. Currently the president of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club, and a longtime queer organizer, Fa is vying for the position in the November election.

A last-minute entry into the race, Fa has the support of openly queer board member Tom Ammiano, as well as Supervisors Harry Britt and Roberta Achtenberg. Her list of accomplishments

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aids treatment news by john s. james

International Conference on AIDS —And the Media

The VIII International Conference on AIDS/III STD World Congress, July 19-24 in Amsterdam, probably had more useful treatment information than any previous conference. But one would not know that from reading the news. Two media feeding frenzies occurred in Amsterdam, both focused on events far from the conference—the publication (in *Newsweek*, and of separate cases in a scientific journal) of reports of persons with AIDS-like immune deficiencies who do not have HIV. While everyone agreed that this matter needs urgent follow-up because of the remote possibility that an undetected virus could threaten the blood supply, scientists and many reporters also agreed that these early reports had been vastly overinterpreted and overemphasized. There have always been unexplained immune deficiencies, and these cases did not suggest a new epidemic. Most had already been published in scientific literature (one at the international conference in Florence last year); the media coverage could have happened any time during the last several months at least, and apparently occurred now only so that it could be timed to coincide with the conference.

While we were disappointed at how readily an imaginary epidemic overshadowed the real one, it was not hard to see why. Many people have found ways to believe that AIDS only affects others, not them. A new virus could potentially affect anyone, and therefore even a hint of one catches the public attention. Also, hundreds of reporters were in Amsterdam for the biggest AIDS meeting of the year, and what would they cover? Everyone knew that there would be no blockbuster announcements; fortunately, anything that important would not be kept quiet for the meeting. And the treatment news was usually unsuitable for the general press since it was technical and consisted of many different modest advances. The major non-technical story from the conference was the sheer size of the emerging world disaster, and the absurdly inadequate response; both U.S. and international efforts, for example, are being cut back this year, while the epidemic gets increasingly out of control. *Time* magazine reported this story; other journalists may have decided that their audience had already heard too much disaster news and was not ready for more.

MAJOR THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

Here is a short list of some of the major treatment-related ideas that were prominent at the conference.

- The movement toward early treatment is continuing—partly because of new evidence of benefit from antiretroviral treatment at T-helper cell levels above 500, partly because better data now available is showing a clear correlation between viral load and disease severity, emphasizing that HIV disease should be treated primarily as a viral illness.
- The movement toward combination therapy continues, with new data on the combination of AZT and ddI, and evidence that combination treatment can work better than alternating the same drugs.
- The drug d4T, now in large trials, is generating interest because it may be more widely available soon through an expanded-access program. It may be more beneficial for some patients than AZT or ddI, but it is not yet clear what other drugs would work well in combination with d4T.
- Researchers have long sought combination treatments that would attack the virus at different points in its life cycle. Now there is also interest in drug combinations that attack the same point, especially reverse transcriptase (e.g., AZT, ddI, ddC, and others). Researchers suspect that the different drugs working together might put so many constraints on the virus that mutants able to survive all the drugs may no longer be able to reproduce efficiently and cause disease.
- There is also a possibility that one mutation may be making the virus worse as HIV disease progresses. The more dangerous virus is called syncytia inducing (SI), because it causes cells to merge into giant cells in test-tube studies. The SI variant may also be much less susceptible to AZT than other strains of HIV. It may be responsible for the sudden drop in T-helper count which is seen in some patients. But not everyone agrees that this virus is responsible for more serious disease.
- A controversial but potentially important report added weight to the theory that acyclovir may help to improve AIDS survival, although the mechanism by which it could do so is unknown.
- Much information was presented on the practical management of various opportunistic diseases, as well as on a number of experimental drugs for these infections, and for HIV.

ANTIRETROVIRALS

The following conference sessions are most relevant to antiretroviral treatment.

Drug Therapy and Pathogenesis

This first technical session of the conference consisted of overview talks by Samuel Broder of the U.S. National Cancer Institute, and Luc Montagnier of Institut Pasteur. Broder gave a quick overview of some of the leading treatment research areas, mentioning many drugs and approaches, highlighting certain ones he considered particularly important. These included:

- PMEA, which Broder described as a very important drug which will soon begin human trials.
- A new class of protease inhibitors being developed by collaboration between researchers at the U.S. National Cancer Institute and two organizations in Japan.
- Combination antiretroviral therapy, suggesting that we don't need to wait for radical scientific advances, but meanwhile can use the knowledge we have to keep patients alive and healthy.

Broder concluded by listing some unanswered research questions. Does early use of AZT or related drugs improve survival, compared to later use? Could early combination therapy improve survival? Are HIV strains which become resistant to several drugs likely to be less pathogenic? Can the immune system be brought to the point where it can control HIV without long-term antiretroviral treatment? Broder said that his own personal optimistic belief, without data, is that the answer to all these questions will be yes.

One theory Montagnier discussed which is generating much interest lately is that many T-helper and also CD8 cells are killed by a process called apoptosis, or programmed cell death. Since Montagnier did not explain apoptosis in this talk, non-scientist members of the audience had trouble following it. The necessary background is that this kind of programmed cell death occurs normally before birth, and is part of the way the immune system learns to tell self from nonself. When the immune system is developing, different cells are created, by random chance, to recognize millions of different shapes of proteins. Some of these cells would recognize the body's own proteins, which would cause autoimmune disease. But at a certain point in development, a self-destruct mechanism is turned on, and then any immune-system cells which are activated (because they have recognized a protein) are killed. The only cells left, therefore, are those which do not recognize the body's proteins, although they will recognize others, such as from invading bacteria. Naturally this self-destruct mechanism must later be turned off, or the immune system could not function. Some researchers believe that somehow this mechanism is turned on again in HIV disease, and then those immune cells which recognize foreign substances are killed, leading to the loss of many more cells than are directly infected with HIV. (Two articles on apoptosis, one relating directly to HIV, appeared recently in *Science*).

New Antiretrovirals: Non Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (Pentoxifylline)

An important talk in this session by Bruce Dezube of Beth Israel Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in Boston, concerned pentoxifylline (brand-name Trental, a prescription drug which has been used worldwide for over a decade), which is being tested in a trial by the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) because it might be able to reduce excessive levels of tumor necrosis factor (TNF). TNF can increase the replication of HIV, cause wasting syndrome, and, in laboratory studies, almost completely reverse the antiretroviral effect of AZT or ddC (ddI was not tested in that study). Several years ago it was learned that concentrations of pentoxifylline which could be achieved in patients could reduce TNF levels in cells in laboratory tests. Pentoxifylline was also shown to decrease HIV activity in laboratory cells, apparently by lowering TNF.

A separate poster at the international conference indicated that pentoxifylline enhanced the activity of ddI in a laboratory test.

The report at the Amsterdam conference presented a preliminary analysis on 17 patients who had completed eight to 16 weeks of a phase I trial. All patients had T-helper counts less than 300—but 15 of the 17 had counts of about 100 or less. All patients were on AZT, ddI, ddC, or a combination of these drugs.

TNF levels fell in 11 of the 13 patients analyzed so far, but it never fell below normal levels (this is important because low levels of TNF may have a beneficial effect). Also, fasting triglycerides were measured, because high triglyceride levels, which have been found in up to a third of AIDS patients, can indicate excessive activity of TNF, interferon, and other cytokines. (Triglycerides are much easier to measure than TNF.) There was a "dramatic" decrease of excessive triglyceride levels.

Quantitative HIV titers also fell. In the six patients with the highest HIV titers, the levels fell in all six—in five of the six, to less than a tenth of the pretreatment value. The average decrease in all patients was 33 fold—a 97 percent decrease.

Weight loss slowed down during treatment, but this effect was not statistically significant in this data. Only one adverse effect— recurrent fevers on the drug, in one patient—was found.

Dezube called for a larger controlled study to confirm these preliminary results. Meanwhile, the researchers are trying twice the dose to see if even better effects are found.

One unidentified questioner reported his negative experience in treating 17 patients with pentoxifylline; only two had T-helper count improvements. Dr. Dezube told us that for each

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negative anecdotal report they have heard, they get many positive ones. These differences underscore the need for additional studies to learn more about the drug, to make sure it can be useful and learn how and when to use it.

The Community Research Initiative on AIDS (CRIA) is now running a controlled trial of pentoxifylline in New York City. This 16-week trial has about ten more openings; about thirty volunteers are already on the study.

Also, the Community Research Initiative of New England (CRI/NE) is actively recruiting for its controlled trial of pentoxifylline. For more information, contact AIDS Treatment News, (415) 255-0588. This study may also open an arm in Wichita, Kansas.

Pentoxifylline could be important because it is generally safe, readily available by prescription, and inexpensive (U.S. price, $300 to $350 per year). A number of physicians are using it already, especially in the eastern United States; it has been slower to come to public attention in California. Trials are needed to learn more about this treatment. We hope that people will be willing to volunteer, at the risk of a short time on a placebo for pentoxifylline (they will still be on their other treatments, such as AZT or ddI), even though they could get pentoxifylline without joining a study.

NIH AIDS RESEARCH: MAJOR REPORT AVAILABLE

A detailed report on AIDS research in each of the institutes of the National Institutes of Health, prepared by the Treatment Action Group (TAG), a treatment activist organization in New York, was released July 21 at the international AIDS conference in Amsterdam. This two-volume report, of almost 200 pages, will be a source document for anyone who wants to investigate federal AIDS research, making it possible for journalists and policy experts to approach this task without a major research investment just to get oriented.

For a copy of the report, send $10 to: TAG, 147 2nd Ave., Suite 601, New York, NY 10003.

Research Funding Disaster: House Budget Below Bush Request

The U.S. House of Representatives has appropriated $165 million less for medical research (for all diseases) than requested by President Bush. There is widespread fear that lifesaving projects in many fields could be delayed, if not canceled entirely. A lobbying effort by scientists and others who can travel to Washington, D.C., is being organized for September, in the hope that some of the damage can be undone in the Senate. Those who cannot go to Washington can help through home visits and letters.

Why did this occur? Organizers have been told "a million different excuses." The most credible theory we have heard is that it does not reflect a lack of commitment to AIDS by Congress. Instead, the problem seems to have resulted from two causes. First, the creation of this budget was greatly constrained by overall funding decisions that had been made earlier, both by the White House and by Congress. And second, insofar as research is concerned, Congress is unhappy that it has poured billions of dollars into the U.S. National Institutes of Health for years, for many diseases, with disappointing practical results—a problem many believe stems from the management and bureaucracy of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, rather than the research itself. Instead of walking away from diseases like AIDS and cancer, we need higher funding priorities from Congress, along with the political and administrative leadership lacking in recent administrations, that will give medical researchers the support they need to do their jobs.

Advocates of AIDS research, prevention, and care are working together on a three-track lobbying effort, with home-state visits to senators in August, and the Washington trip slated for Sept. 14-15. The research part of this effort is being coordinated by Project Inform. It is especially important for scientists to explain to Congress what they want to do, and what will be lost due to inadequate funding. (Project Inform has arranged for a $238 round-trip fare to Washington from major cities.)

To find out more about this effort and how you can help, contact Anne Donnelly or John Bouffard at Project Inform, (415) 558-8669.

Neurology Funding Good News: Activists' NIH Study Pays Off

Intense behind-the-scenes negotiations between AIDS activists in New York and San Francisco and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) over the past year have paid off with a grant budget between one million and three million dollars larger than last year's NINDS research budget, devoted to studying the neurological impact of AIDS. While the amount may not seem like much in comparison with overall federal research spending, in the field of neurology it is a desperately needed infusion of cash. The new funds will go to research in the seriously underfunded area of AIDS complications in the central nervous system such as AIDS dementia, peripheral neuropathy, and PML—progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, an opportunistic infection of the brain that may affect as many as five percent of people with AIDS.

"It is fabulous," said Derek Link of the New York-based Treatment Action Group (TAG), one of the activists who was instrumental in helping to develop the new program. "It is more money for AIDS research. It is money for a neglected area of AIDS research and it will increase the efficiency of research." [Derek Link is one of the authors of the in-depth report on NIH, reviewed in the article above.]

Neurology has been called the "ugly duckling" of HIV research—underfunded, and with few neurologists available, because ACTG principal investigators have considered neurology a peripheral issue, and few have applied for funding or designed protocols that specifically address neurological implications of HIV and opportunistic infections. Studies that have been done have often been unsophisticated due to lack of resources to pay for the advanced testing and technology required, or because neurologists were not involved in the early stages of drafting the protocol. Matt Chappell, of ACT UP/Golden Gate, said that of the nine ACTG sites funded in April for neurology, only four had levels of support that were even nearly adequate. (The new money will provide up to a million dollars of funding independent of the ACTG to four ACTG sites.)

Researchers have credited ACT UP for its role in making the new funding possible. According to Joseph Berger, M.D., professor of neurology at the University of Miami, "There is a move afoot that in no small measure has been stimulated by ACT UP to make neurological issues a more important issue." Another leading HIV neurologist noted, "The involvement of ACT UP and other interest groups has a very positive influence on many aspects of the established researchers as they try to put together a response.... This is another example of some bright people who have worked hard and given us an opportunity that is important."

Medical Marijuana: Overwhelming Support at SF Hearing

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Speakers included a former San Francisco Police Commissioner, who had survived colon cancer and said that without marijuana, she would not be alive today. A member of the Board of Supervisors said that her husband had been allowed to use marijuana when he was dying of cancer, but "Then they took it away, and that is reprehensible."

(Caution: Marijuana should be sterilized before use by persons with immune deficiencies, to avoid risk of aspergillus infection.)

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from the heart by joe caruso

Sharing a Piece of Pie With Paul

Pizza is pizza, right? Wrong! Now, don't go thinking this article is about who has the best pizza in San Francisco. We all know who does, after all: Escape From New York Pizza, owned by Paul Geffner.

When I first met Paul, his friendly manner and charming way reminded me of Ben and Jerry (the ice cream people). Paul, a laid back sort of individual, is into giving back to the community. When he owned Captain Video he got the merchants of Upper Market Street to throw a street fair and give the money to a nonprofit organization. Paul has had his pizza store in the Haight for seven years, and the one in the Castro for the past year-and-a-half. His philosophy of business is different from most. It's a simple philosophy: No matter where his stores are, they always help out their communities.

This attitude also encompasses the people who work for him. He said, "I have a responsibility to my employees and the community at large. You don't have to give every single cent away that you make, but it makes good business sense to treat your employees well. If you do that, in return they are happy and will treat your customers well, and that is how business works the best."

Paul also thinks that "we all have a certain amount of power in this world. How each person uses his or her power is important. I use my power of owning a pizza place to treat the community and the people who work for me well. That is all. It's not much but it's all I can do, because it's an honor to use this power as a positive influence on the community. By the use of the word 'power' I mean what you have extra or what you do. Are you the boss of many people? And are you nice to them? Or do you have enough money for yourself with some extra to give away, and you do give it away to help others. It's the act of what you do with what you have extra that counts."

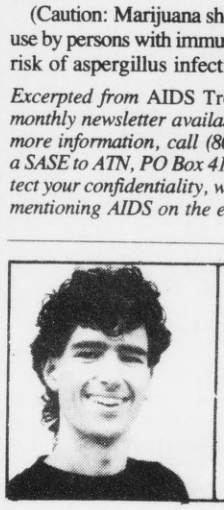
If everyone has power in this world, then Paul certainly uses his to support the best causes. When he was the owner of the Captain Video chain, each store had to be responsive to the community in which it was located. "Putting a little bit back into the community where the store was felt good to me."

When talking about the meaning of life with Paul, you can't help but love him as much as his pizza. "What makes me mad is people who think those who have taken the most from the world are some kind of hero or they are great, like Ross Perot. And that people who give back to the world are not successful or are no good. It offends me that people like Perot can take billions from the world and still be loved. How much money does one person need anyway? I respect people for what they give back to the world. To me that kind of person is a hero. It's important to be human, to look around and say, 'How can I help now that I am able to?' That is what most people do in San Francisco. They are a special breed. They are always willing to help. The rest of this country thinks of San Francisco as strange. I think San Francisco is ahead of its time. After all, we all get along and try to respect one another. That is what life is all about," Paul says.

Respecting people seems to be easy for Paul Geffner. His employees like working for him. Why shouldn't they? He is one of the most giving, well-centered, loving people I have ever met. And, he really puts his money and his heart where his mouth is. He donates food to hospices twice a week—Coming Home and Maitri—as well as helping Aris, Bike-A-Thon '92, Project Open Hand, Project Inform, S.F. Street Patrol and many other groups.

When asked why he helps two hospices, Paul told me, "The most courageous and wonderful thing you can do is to work at a hospice. Helping others through life is just the most wonderful thing. Those people who work there are great. After all, I can't end world hunger or cure AIDS, but I can help some people out. It's like, if you throw a stone in the ocean, not much happens. But if you throw a stone in a puddle you get a ripple effect. If everyone helps just one person in their own way, we'll all be better off."

When I interviewed Paul Geffner, I felt like I was talking to an old friend. Maybe it's because we feel the same way about San Francisco. Or maybe it's because he feels he has truly been lucky in life and because of that he willingly gives back to almost anyone in need. Whatever the reason, we're lucky to have someone like him in our midst.



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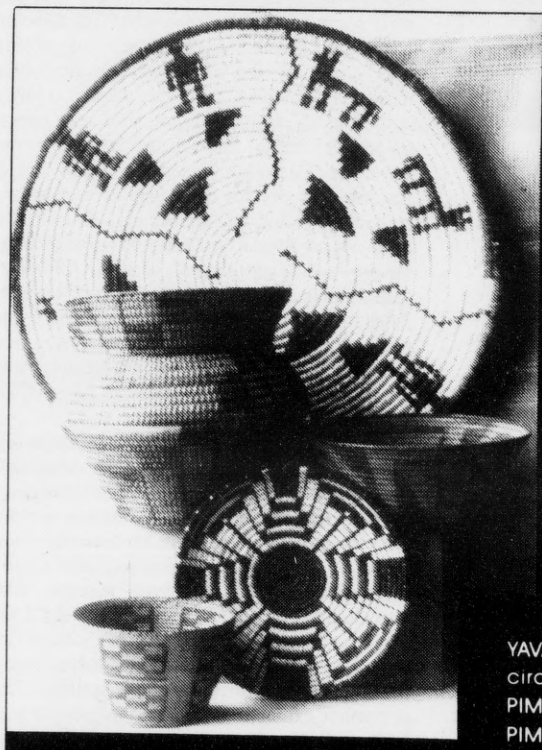

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effect change in those gay bars and businesses that do not have *any* non-Caucasian employees rather than attacking the one business in the Castro that consistently has hired, welcomed and supported all minority communities for nearly a quarter century.

Gregory Adams
Assistant Manager, Pendulum
San Francisco

Taken Out of Context

I read with interest Thom Bean's latest column in the *SF Bay Times* regarding affirmative action ("Inviting Shame and Repeating History," July 30).

Bean took my comments out of context, created a straw man and then tourched him. Ouch!

I was the guest on a cable TV program hosted by Arthur Bruzzone and Jim Balderston focusing on the Jordan administration, efforts of the Christian Fundamentalists and Reconstructionists to take over the apparatus of the Republican Party, and elements of the lesbian/gay agenda.

Regarding that agenda, I noted that there is general consensus in San Francisco's lesbian and gay community on three points: (1) AIDS funding (in a time of multi-billion-dollar deficits) must be maintained, if not increased. To better utilize the monies we are currently spending, though, we must consolidate services, sunset others and reallocate funds to address new needs; (2) anti-gay violence must be halted through a coordinated effort of community groups and government; and (3) we need to create a community/youth center which serves our diverse community and houses our various community-based organizations.

Bruzzone suggested that it was also part of our agenda that we advocated affirmative action for gay people. I countered that in all my years of activism in the community, I had never heard a lesbian/gay leader advocate affirmative action for our community—indeed many leaders actively opposed the concept and favored inclusion of language in AB1, AB101, and AB2601 which opposed affirmative action based on sexual orientation.

My comments were not meant to be construed as expressing opposition of affirmative action for women and ethnic minorities. I favor the active recruitment of women and minorities to positions of responsibility, and worked diligently to increase the number of minorities on our Republican County Central Committee from three in 1989 to eight in 1992 (twice the number that will sit on the Democratic Committee in 1993).

As for our community, however, I feel that discussion of affirmative action is premature at best, and unnecessary at worst. Let's put first things first. First, let's get rid of the sodomy statutes in the 25 states where they exist. We can't seek equal employment opportunities if we are branded as criminals or are serving behind bars. Second, let's eliminate governmentally sanctioned discrimination against gay people in employment. The federal government is the biggest discriminator in that regard, and ten agencies and departments ban lesbians and gays from serving as upfront gays. Third, let's amend 1960's civil rights legislation to include as a protected class "sexual orientation." Currently, 23 percent of Californians are protected under local ordinances.

Chris Bowman
San Francisco

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Leather, and more leather, lace and chaps—the women our mothers warned us about were out in force at the "Up Your Alley" leather block party on Aug. 2.

Democratic Party Poop

Democratic Party poop indeed. Adam Block's column about the recently concluded Democratic Convention ("Party Poop," *SF Bay Times,* July 16), made an incorrect assumption about my political beliefs.

I will not be voting in November and may never cast a ballot for Gov. Bill Clinton. To paraphrase Lillian Hellman, I cannot cut my queer conscience to suit this year's homosexual political fashions.

Simply put, this presidential election even I won't end up voting for Clinton—a pro-AIDS, anti-gay governor who has mastered the fine art of talking out of both sides of his slick mouth.

For me to pull the lever for Clinton, I would have to overlook his dismal track record on our issues and trust he will somehow deliver on his campaign promises to our community. This is something I can't bring myself to do, because voting for Clinton equals faith in Santa Claus.

Michael Petrelis
Member, ACT UP/Presidential Project
W. Caldwell, N.J.

No Macho Posturing

The following letter was sent to Mayor Frank Jordan:

It was very good to see you at the AIDS Emergency Fund/Black Coalition on AIDS benefit, and I was moved by your presentation to Michael Vita.

However, please remember that *The Wizard of Oz* is just a movie, the people merely characters in a story, and that there is no Yellow Brick Road—so don't look there for an answer to the City's problems.

The priorities must remain clear. No macho posturing a la George Bush will smokescreen the realities. For example, the panhandling by the homeless is not a serious problem when compared to the rapid deterioration of the City due to ruthless cutbacks in basic services, including public transportation.

I wish you success for the sake of the City. And, please, follow good advisers, not the Yellow Brick Road.

L. Ronald Benson
San Francisco

Serious Issues Above Name-Calling

I was deeply disturbed by Michael Ward's letter ("The Eye of the Beholder," *SF Bay Times,* July 30). While purporting to be a response to Yohana Knobloch's objections to pornographic postcards in Headlines, it is in fact an attack on lesbians and feminists. Although Ward accuses Knobloch of being "narrow-minded, hate-and-anger filled," the only hate I read was in Ward's letter.

Ward begins by labeling all who agree with Knobloch's position a "fascist faction." This is vulgar name-calling, not debate.

Ward makes the point that some men are attracted to women. This is true and is not objectionable. However, there is a difference between attraction and salivating over pornography. Knobloch was not protesting the existence of straight men, but rather the implication that women willingly, even eagerly, sell sex for liquor. Ward asks what the reaction would be if the cards implied women would sell sex to other women. I, for one, would be outraged. Prostitution is exploitative and degrading regardless of who the buyer is, and I would not be amused should someone suggest I purchase other women.

Because the cards were in the men's section of the store, Ward asks what Knobloch was doing there. This is another variation of the tired old line that certain places, from taverns to Senate Judiciary Committee hearings, are off-limits to women, and any woman who crosses the boundaries deserves what she gets.

Ward was offended by the "flabby and cellulite-ridden... brazen," women with "saggy mammalia," who removed their shirts at the pride parade. In her book *The Beauty Myth,* Naomi Wolf describes the way in which many women find communal female nudity a liberating experience. For those of us (all of us) brainwashed by the fashion model/*Playboy* ideal of "beauty," this can be a first step toward appreciating the diversity and true beauty of real, flesh-and-blood women. Yet this self-proclaimed "gay brother" is outraged by the sight of women who do not resemble *Playboy* centerfolds. (Needless to say, most of the men, gay or straight, whom I have seen shirtless in public do not exactly have Jose Canseco's physique.)

Ward then assumes that, had men shown their penises at the parade, it would have been interpreted as "exerting our male aggressive dominance over women as an act of aggression and denigration." No. The mere presence of male genitalia would not be so interpreted. However, if a man exposed himself while expressing the hostility toward women Ward does, it would be seen as threatening—and with good reason.

Finally, Ward refers to the Michigan Women's Music Festival. I know little about the festival. But what does this have to do with the matter at hand?

Ward concludes by ordering women to "lighten up." (You girls just take yourself too seriously, right?) While we may disagree over pornography, images of women and relations between lesbians and gay men, these *are* serious issues and deserve serious consideration. Poison-pen diatribes like Ward's are an obstacle to such discussion.

Carol Sholin
Oakland

Correction: We apologize for misspelling Tom W. Kelly's name on the masthead and in the byline of his article ("Russian River—Alive and Well in 1992," July 30) last issue. The correct spelling is given here.

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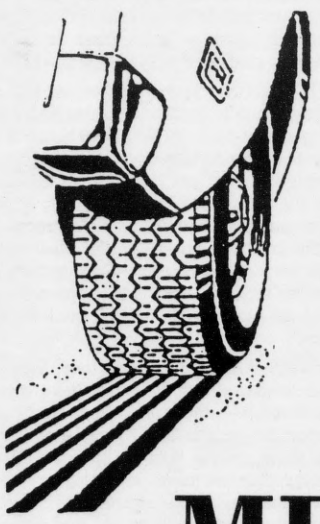

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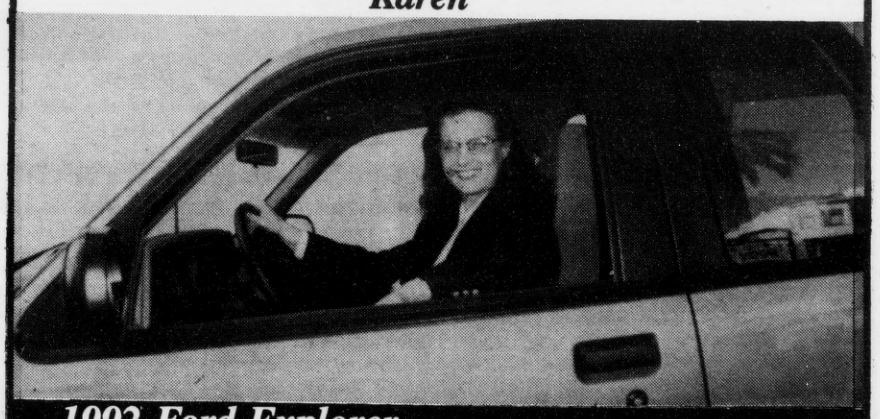

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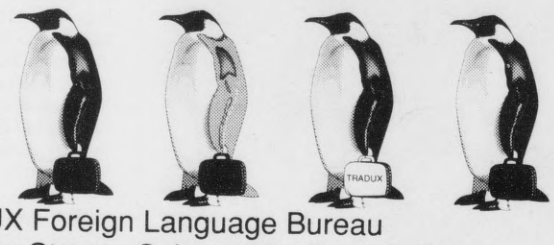

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A Jovial Sextile

The planets will get especially delicious and even a bit lubricious, beginning Aug. 16 and ending Sept. 5 Jupiter (the planet of opportunity, expansion, freedom) will be in sextile (a harmonious, expressive aspect) to Pluto (sex and power). With Jupiter in Virgo, special attention will be devoted to matters of technique and skill, adaptivity and methods of improvement. It is only appropriate that Prince Albert's birthday, Aug. 26, falls in the midst of this heavenly arrangement.

But it's not all fun and games. These planets will hit some people's charts in a way that will make them hungry for power, perhaps more ruthless than they realize, or just as ruthless as they want to be. One way or another we'll all be feeling our oats, be eager to assert ourselves, and to press for fulfillment. Be wary of those who might do so in a less than ethical manner.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: This is a wonderful time to review and fine-tune some of the more private parts of your life. It's an excellent time to review your medical history and consider making changes in your exercise routines, hygienic habits, and medical treatments. It's also a wonderful time to explore new and different erotic techniques. Your "can do" attitude at work can easily come across as pushy, bossy and a tad arrogant. I know that's not what you mean, but be sure the folks you work with get it as well.

TAURUS: The only way you can go wrong over the next few weeks is all by yourself. Your partner is offering you wonderful challenges that will prove fun and/or profitable. If you don't have a partner then someone will take that role—either in love or business—and open some important doors for you. Helpful they will be, but don't let them do your thinking for you. Let them stimulate your mind. With their efforts and your critically creative mind harnessed together, you can be unbeatable.

GEMINI: Despite the time of year this is a perfect time for some spring cleaning. Tear through your home and get rid of everything that can get tossed. Scrub and dust and vacuum until you're in a frenzy! Of course, "home" can also be a metaphor for the family or the larger community. This is a perfect time to get involved in community affairs, but be careful of what you promise in the long run. Right now you're easily tempted to make big commitments that you may have trouble keeping after Sept. 5. Better to be an ad hoc powerhouse and then see what your energies are like at a more sustainable level.

CANCER: You know how sometimes, just sometimes, without even half meaning to be unkind, you can come across as a bit bitchy? Well, in the next few weeks your playful side will be especially strong and in your attempts at jolly repartee you can come across rather nastily. With a little focus and restraint, and some extra effort at consideration, you can still be extremely creative and expressive. In fact, the focus and restraint will help you to channel your creative urges into more effective outlets. This is an especially good time for writing, and particularly for polemics and porn.

LEO: Your financial skills are at their height. This is a wonderful time for you to invest in property or to put some money into a community-based project. You could get a little too assertive and raise the hackles of relatives or a domestic partner. Take time to explain what you're doing. Your fast decisive actions can be a bit frightening to people who are affected, but don't understand what you're doing. You may have to carefully consider what's really important. You might even find that you have deeper investments to take care of than the financial sort. One can support the other. They're not mutually exclusive, but keep your priorities very clear. *Happy Birthday: Tom Ayres, & Terry Galbraith!*

VIRGO: Your sign is notoriously modest, even when enjoying unusual good luck, as you are these days. This is a time to break loose and cast such modesty to the winds. You need to assert yourself. You could do it in a forthright, playful manner. Otherwise you're likely to get controlling, critical and nasty. You just want attention and recognition of your true strength—which is now considerable. As any Leo can tell you, there are ways to get that without being a bitch. It is a break in character for you, but cast aside inhibition and let others see you taking pride in yourself.

LIBRA: Your subconscious mind is trying to run your financial affairs right now. That could go in either of two directions. Either you could be worrying and obsessing over money, or you could be using your intuition to improve your finances. One path could make you seriously crazy over the next few weeks; the other will take a certain amount of faith and courage. Confiding in a friend, accountant or counselor will help you to get some grounding, but trust your instincts. If you don't make some radical changes, they will creep up on you anyway.

SCORPIO: That wonderful smoldering strength that radiates from you can scare a lot of people, fascinate them, or—as it does now—draw them into your orbit. Your wicked wit and sensuality are at their height and your political acumen is at its sharpest. (Perhaps they really should be scared!) Right now, while you're enjoying such confidence, you can make grand plans for the future and perhaps even figure a practical way to make those dreams come true.

SAGITTARIUS: Deep inner strength is erupting to the surface. All too often that means that there's some terrible crisis forcing you to push your limits, but this particular surge is relatively benign. It could be powerful psychic insights or revelations out of your subconscious. Something deep and long hidden is sure to come into the spotlight, but it will work to your advantage. Revelation can be a scandal or a challenge, but with a little finesse you can use it to look more authoritative. That could bring you into conflict with other authorities, but with a bit of strategy you could finesse that as well.

CAPRICORN: This is an excellent time for any risky political maneuvers you may want to pull off. Right now you could talk an oyster out of its shell. For maximum effectiveness, be willing to entertain radically new and different ideas. Study belief systems that are most antithetical to your own. The more you challenge your own intellectual and ideological limits, the more easily you will be able to get your own case across to others. Even if you haven't any ambitions involved, you'd do well to study new and different philosophies. Your mind is unusually sharp and open these days. A good intellectual challenge will provide a wonderful boost.

AQUARIUS: Your reputation for shocking behavior hardly needs a boost, but here it is! Jupiter, the planet of publicity, is in your house of ill repute, and that's just the beginning of it. You can spend the next few weeks "just" exuding sex appeal and reaping the delightful benefits thereof, or you could harness all that charisma and sublimate at least some of that eroticism into power plays that can help boost your career. You can do almost anything as long as it doesn't require invisibility. Apparently dangerous risks are likely to pay off big, but look before you leap!

PISCES: Ah, for the perfect love! You have some fine ideas about how to have the perfect relationship—either to find the perfect partner or to perfect the one you have. In the latter case, don't be shy about sharing your ideas, but realize you can change yourself more easily than you can anyone else. Challenging adventures figure into the scene somehow. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, but measure your risks! Travel or education will bring you into contact with someone who can change your life. Listen to any critical suggestions, especially from a new source. You may not choose to agree, but at least thank the critic for the suggestion, and consider it carefully. You stand to gain a great deal from it!

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AUG 13 / T H U

"Many Tongues, One Voice," is the theme for the Third International Convention for People Who Stutter. Today thru 8/16 in SF. Hosted by the National Stuttering Project, the nation's largest self-help organization for people with chronic stuttering problems. Attendees include members of self-help groups from 15 countries including Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Frande, Germany & Poland. Workshops on various topics including: "A workshop for gays & lesbians who stutter," "The importance of a sense of humor," "Does stuttering hinder you from dating?" "Will my child stutter?" and more. Info: 566-5324 or fax 664-3721.

"A Bridge to Wellness," is the theme of the 1st Annual Graves' Disease Patient/Family Conference: today thru 8/15 at the Hotel Durant in Berkeley. Conference features a variety of workshops & speakers on the various medical & emotional aspects of Graves' Disease. Reg fee: $120. Info: (510) 540-8640 eves.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Today & 8/27. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 22 & under meets tonight, see 8/6 listing.

HIV + Drop-In Group spons by MCC (Metropolitan Community Church)-SF meets in the Chapel. All interested persons are welcome. Call 863-4434 for time & other info. 150 Eureka St, SF.

At Black Oak Books: Mystery writer Marilyn Wallace reads from her latest novel, *So Shall You Reap* and Gillian Roberts reads from her new Amanda Pepper mystery, *I'd Rather Be in Philadelphia.* 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Afra-Wominspirit," a multimedia performance & workshop with NY womin-spirit/vocal-transformer Suhir (Mut Sekhmet) and Afragoddess revisionist Asungi. 7:30 pm, $5 donation. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

New Horizons young adult group for lesbian, gay & bisexual people ages 22-29 meets, see 8/6 listing.

Texan folksinger/songwriter Townes Van Zandt. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $9. Info/res: 885-0750.

Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret. "The court jester of the gay community" is back with his new one-man, two-wristed comedy show, a hilariously funny, razor-sharp look at life & politics from this gay comic, SF School Board member & dad. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 8/16. 8 pm, $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Anna Livia (*Minimax, Relatively Norma*) reads from her translation of a collection of Natalie Clifford Barney's work, *A Perilous Advantage*. 8 pm, $3-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Cody's Books: Women & Voting Issues Panel. Panel of local contributors & consultants from *The Women's 1992 Voting Guide* discusses voting issues that affect women. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Author Anna Livia (*Minimax, Relatively Norma*) reads from her translation of "the best of Natalie Clifford Barney," entitled *A Perilous Advantage*. This is the first English translation of this collection of Barney's work. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, the cultural events series of Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Open Video Screening at ATA: 8:30 pm, free. Videomakers of any & all sorts are welcome to screen whatever they have! Must be 10 min in length or shorter & on VHS or 3/4" tape. Everything under 10 min will be screened. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Choreographer Scott Wells and the Scott Wells Dance Company present two evening length concerts (tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm) at Theater Artaud, part of the Summertime Dance Project. Tix: $12. Info/res: 621-7797. 450 Florida St at 17th, SF.

Improv Comedy at El Rio with Pros from Dover. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At El Rio tonight: Dover-Improv Comedy—9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

AUG 14 / F R I

Substance Abuse, Women & HIV Infection: A one-day forum discussing issues related to women who are infected with the AIDS virus & are also substance abusers. Spons by the SF Treatment Research Unit of UCSF. Speakers include: Janet Mitchell, MD, Harlem Hospital, NYC; Ruth Greenblatt, MD, UCSF and Sandra Hernandez, MD, SF AIDS Office. Afternoon discussion groups facilitated by Patricia Evans, MD, Bayview Hunter's Point Foundation and H Westley Clark, MD, JD, SF Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. 8 am-3:30 pm, free. Info/reg: Jim Stoll 255-3519.

Russian River Western Wkend II: 3 days of festivities in Guerneville. Lots of entertainment & special events, call (707) 869-1249 for details. Don't miss!

Lesbian & Gay Suicide Survivors Group: Grief counseling group for lesbians & gays who have lost a loved one to suicide. Call Karen (510) 841-6553 for details.

Hunger Pains Project: Opening reception for this month-long series of multimedia art, performance & discusion about women, body image & food. 6-8 pm. See large scale color photo portraits of women, multimedia sculpture & video installation. Free, donations welcome. For info/location call Schuyler Pescada (510) 832-7247. Spons by the Hunger Pains Project in conjunction with 848 Divisadero Gallery. Also see 8/15, 22 & 29 listings.

MCC-SF Men Together Group meets 7 pm tonight, followed by social hour. Topic: "Discrimination/Prejudice." Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Ballroom Dance Class for gays & lesbians: 7-8 pm, beginners, $8 per class. Tonight & 8/21, 28 at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Info: 995-4962.

Scholar/author bell hooks (*Ain't I A Woman, Feminist Theory from Margin to Center, Talking Back*) gives a lecture entitled, "Art on My Mind," as part of SF Art Institute's series on multi-ethnic traditions in American art. 7:30 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 749-4588.

Open Mike/Women Musicians: 8 pm at Mama Bears. Room for 6 performers, call (510) 428-9684 to get on the performer list. $3. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/13 listing for details.

Choreographer Scott Wells & the Scott Wells Dance Co present an eve of dance at Theater Artaud, see 8/13 listing. Final performance.

A Choice for Irish Women: Artists Television Access (ATA) shows Nancy Nicol's video documentary of interviews with leading Irish feminists & women throughout Ireland, recounting the impact of the 1983 Pro-Life Amendment to the Irish Constitution, which has forced thousands of Irish women to travel to Britain & Wales for abortions. Also see *The Struggle for Choice,* a history of the abortion rights struggle in Canada. Program co-spons by the Int'l Socialist Organization. 8:30 pm, $3-5. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Club nZinga: World Beat Dance Party at El Rio, 9 pm-2 am, $3, tonight & 8/21, 28. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Party at Olive Oils: Comedy with Maureen Brownsey, dancing with Mixtress Page Hodel, plus special appearances, raffle prizes & lots of fun. Doors open at 9 pm. Tix $8. Proceeds benefit "Herstories," a local women's sports TV show produced by local women. Pier 50, China Basin Way, SF. Be there! Info: 626-5564.

Blues great Etta James at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm, $18.50. Come dance! Info/res: 885-0750.

Two wildly funny women—Marilyn Pittman & Javonka Steele—team up for two nights of hilarious comedy at Josie's Cabaret. 10 pm, $8 tonight & 8/21. 3543 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Queer Rock & Roll with *Pansy Division*, plus *Tribe 8* and *Pre-Marital Sex* at The Chameleon, 853 Valencia St, SF. 10:30 pm.

AUG 15 / S A T

Whistle ALERT Campaign spons by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc: The Sisters will distribute thousands of whistles at four major locations in SF thru August as part of their anti-violence campaign. Locations: 8/15—18th & Castro St; 8/16—Pussy Galore/Clubhouse, Valencia & 16th St; 8/22—Girl Spot & Colossus, 6th & Folsom St; 8/23—Cafe Flore, Sanchez & Market St; 8/27—The Box, Divisadero & Hayes St; 8/30—Pleasuredome, 3rd & Townsend St. Dates & locations may change without notice, and new ones will be announced, call 864-3208 for details.

Sequoia-Bayview Trail Run (Joaquin Miller Park) with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Skyline Blvd, continue 0.4 miles to trailhead on left. Meet 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Rainbow Picnic Lunch & Hike on Mt Tam with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans & members of Hispanic, Filipino, Asian and African American groups. Directions/details: Jeff 388-6419 or Stephanie 824-7185.

Garden Party Work Days: Spons by SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). Help plant, harvest, weed, clean up & make compost, meet other gardeners, have fun! All food grown is donated for local hunger relief. Bring gloves & munchies for a potluck picnic. At SF Garden for the Environment. Call 285-7584 for details.

Ga-Ga Garage Sale spons by CUAV (Community United Against Violence). Today & tmw at the corner of Market & Noe, SF. Clothes, costumes, books, pots & pans, art, furniture—lots of stuff! If you'd like to donate items please call Elaine at the CUAV Office (777-5500) by 8/14 to arrange for a pick up.

Storytime at the Art Museum for kids, spons by Cody's Books, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Sacred Sexuality/Tantra: Johanina Wikoff & Steven Sagaro Clark discuss their blend of therapy, spirituality and the ancient art of Tantra. Get the tools to love yourself, be in love & celebrate life. 2-5 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Alternative, Complementary & Traditional Therapies for HIV/AIDS: A Panel discussion on the minicourse held at the 8th Int'l Conference on AIDS, recently completed in Amsterdam. Panelists: Jason Heyman, *AIDS Treatment News* ; David Baker, RN, MSN, HIV Health Promotion Specialist; Howard Moffett, LAc, American College of Traditional Medicine. 6-8 pm, free. Davies Med Ctr Auditorium, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info: 282-7600.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Poet Martha Courtot & her partner, musician/therapist Cathy Bohrman give a goodbye (they're moving to Berkeley) & celebration of over a decade of work & activism in Sonoma County. Come wish them well! 6 pm, $6-10 SL fee (proceeds benefit Martha's attendance at the Flight of the Mind workshop in Oregon) No one turned away for lack of funds. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's topic—"Racism as It Affects People of Color Other Than Blacks." Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Donation suggested.

Filmmaker Marlon Riggs' (*Ethnic Notions, Tongues Untied, Color Adjustment*) latest film, *No Regret,* about 5 Black gay men living with HIV, screens today along with *Rap City,* an HIV prevention presentation for African American men. Spons by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For time & tix info call 749-6700.

Nacy Karp + Dancers at Theater Artaud, see 8/15.

A Leo Celebration at Olive Oil's: Catered affair by Sharon Hernandez, with Cyndy (DJ formerly of Amelia's). 8 pm-2 am, $12 at door. Proceeds benefit Team SF, Godfather Service Fund and the *Last Call at Maud's* documentary. Pier 50 (off 3rd St), SF.

Return of the Yenta Surfer Dykes: Jewish Lesbian Writers Group returns with an evening of stories & poems at Mama Bears by Elana Dykewomon, Jasmine Marah, Judith Masur, Lisa Carlin, Sabena Stark & Susan Schulman. Surf's up at 8 pm! $6-10 SL fee. Women only. No scented products, please. For childcare info call (510) 465-1294; call Mama Bears for reservations. WA. For other info call (510) 540-5564.

Dance Extravaganza II: A celebration of ethnic dance featuring African & Haitian dance, belly dance, drumming & more. 8 pm at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. For tix, res & other info call (510) 849-3232.

Dykeadence: a Dykeporn Video—Come see the first edition, rough-cut version of this locally-produced s/m erotic video. Two shows: 8 & 10 pm at 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. $5 donation. Info: Alice Brave 292-3284.

Stories & Songs for Kids of All Ages at KBBK Studios, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

ATA Other Cinema Series presents *Invaders from Planet Dominatrixs*: Prodigal daughter Kelly Webb returns from the Big Apple for the West Coast premiere of her Super 8 featurette, *Twat Rockers from Outer Space,* with industrial rock music by the girl group *Thrust*; plus an excerpt from Annie Sprinkle & Marla Beatty's *Sluts & Goddesses*, a Richard Kern short, music clips, sex bits and sci-fi snippets. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Independent Video & Film Night at ATA: 90 min of "ultra-slick, ultra-cool, darn spiffy cable production," showcase of the best in new independent film & video. 8:30 pm, $3-5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

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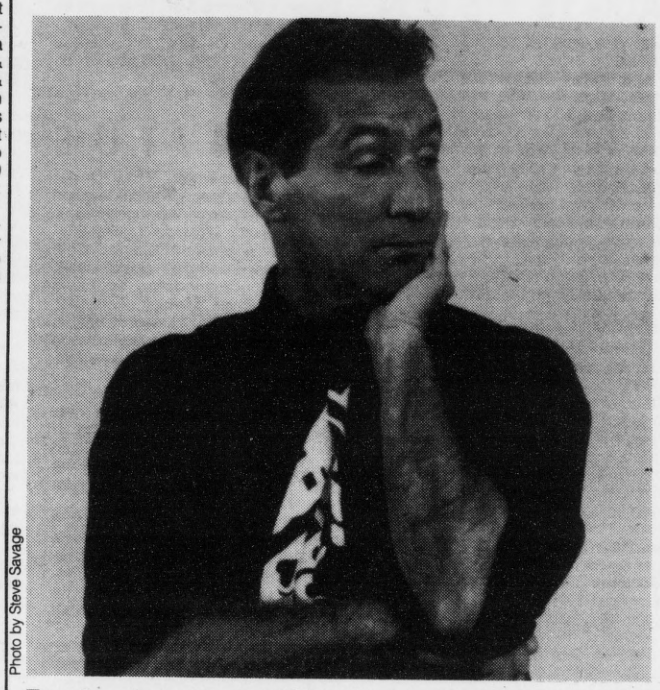
Purple Moon Dance Project presents "Overlapping Clothes" Sept. 11-12 & 18-19. Calendar has info.



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Tom Ammiano stars in "Wrists II" at Josie's Cabaret thru Aug. 16. Check Calendar for details.

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The Royal National Theatre begins its U.S. tour with "Richard III" at the Curran Theatre Aug. 19-Sept. 13. See Onstage for details.

Gender, Body & Relationships with Food: A performance benefit for the Hunger Pains Project (see 8/14 listing). An investigation of the political, spiritual & emotional aspects of gender, body & food; with Miranda Mellis, Maraba, Sydney Rice, Schuyler Pescada, Bashezo, Nao Bustamante, Trish Thomas & others. $5-100 SL fee. For info/location call 885-2003.

Nancy Karp + Dancers at Theater Artaud: Premiere of new work, "Duet Series," plus old favorites, including their signature piece, "Jumping Phase." 8:30 pm tonight, 7:30 pm tmw. Tix $12. Part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project. Info/res: 621-7797.

Benefit for Bill Clinton at the I-Beam with *MCM & The Monster, CaCa, Jackson Saints, Mordred,* Penelope Houston, Linda Perry, Cammy Blackstone, Frank Noviki, *Legendary Stardust Cowboy, Mouth* and more. MC Enrique. Doors open at 6 pm, show starts at 7. $10. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Page Hodel Presents a fierce new dance club in the Eastbay—The Dance Factory—every Saturday night at Thunder Bay, #1 Bolivar Drive, Berkeley. 9 pm, $5. Tonight's opening night, don't miss! Directions: Take 101 to 80, right on University, right on 6th, right on Addison, right at water.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Rabbit Choir, Johnny's Problem* and *Darkness & Joe*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

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AUG 16 / SUN

Get your whistle! See 8/15 listing for details.

Napa Valley Wilderness Park/Bay Area Ridge Trail Hike with SF Hiking CLub. Meet 9:15 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF to carpool, or meet 10:30 am in the parking area at Skyline Wilderness Park at the East end of Imola Ave in Napa. 9 mile hike with total elevation gain of 985 ft. Spectacular views of both Napa Valley & SF Bay. Roundtrip auto mileage 100 miles, cost per car $16 (includes bridge tolls & parking fee), to be shared among passengers. Info: Louis Chiofalo (707) 553-8726.

1992 Regional Training spons by the AIDS Service Providers Assoc (ASPA) of the Bay Area & the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), today thru 8/18 at Hotel Nikko in SF. Training provides a meeting place for technical development training, and a forum to discuss the impact of the Los Angeles riots on community-based organiziations. Includes seminars on grant writing, discussion on current HIV/AIDS public policy issues, influencing legislation and collaboration at the local level. Reg fee: $50 per person. Info: 241-5519.

Sonoma Dines Out Brunch with Sonoma BACW: Join Bay Area Career Women & dine al fresco amongst women & vines at Topolos Russian River Vineyards (famous for its Greek cuisine & charming country atmosphere). 10:30 am. 5700 Gravenstein Hwy, Forestville. Reservations due by 8/12. Info/res: Elizabeth (707) 823-7217.

Indian Airobics: A celebration of Native American humor, music & poetry presented by Spirits of the Present. Hosted by actress Elaine Miles (*Northern Exposure*'s Marilyn Whirlwind). 2 & 7 pm in the East Auditorium of the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa. Tix $4. Info/res: (707) 546-3600.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Maury Loomis shares his tapes of TV shows of special interest to us gay folk. Info: 552-1997.

Salsa at El Rio with *Radiante*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Potluck in Half Moon Bay spons by Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group & Peninsula Women's Group (PWG). 4-8 pm. Call 726-9759 for directions.

"Healing Spiritual Wounds—Personal *Tikkun*," talk by Rabbi Steven Fisdel, hypnotherapist & teacher of Jewish mysticism. Fisdel leads meditations on *tikkun* (repair) at the personal level. Spons by AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). 6-7:30 pm at Marin Jewish Community Ctr, 200 N San Pedro Rd, San Rafael. Free, donations encouraged. Info: 579-4818.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Mtg: Singers, comics & musicians are welcome. Info/location: Jon 731-2424.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Julia Hutton reads from her book, *Good Sex*, a series of interviews with men & women on what makes sex good for them. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bisexual Women's Group meets 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Church, 505 East Charleston, btwn Alma & Middlefield, Palo Alto. Program: "The Purity Test," come find out about ourselves thru games. Small donation requested. Call Susan 493-0406 for info.

Middle Eastern Music with Jazayer at the Grapeleaf Restaurant, 4031 Balboa St, SF. 8 pm. Info/res: 668-1515.

Record Release Celebration with Steve Douglas at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $8. Info/res: 885-0750.

AUG 17 / MON

Roe v. Wade is dead... but we're not! Join angry women for a furious funeral from hell protesting attacks on abortion and reproductive rights with a women only wake & car caravan thru SF. Car decorating begins at 9:30 am, caravan leaves at 10:30 am. Bring cars, banners, signs, black clothes, noisemakers and friends. Meet at the Safeway parking lot, Market & Church Sts, SF. Spons by ACT UP/SF Women, Women Against Imperialism and WHAM. Info: 995-4735.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. Tonight & 8/24 & 31 at 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome. Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

A Course in Miracles Group spons by MCC (Metropolitan Community Church)-SF meets at 7 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) comedy improv at Ed Hastings Theater (ACT Playroom), 450 Geary St btwn Mason & Taylor, SF. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts. Info/res: 824-8220.

Public Liability Comedy Group perform original scripted material tonight at On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway btwn Montgomery & Kearny, SF. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Final night! Info: 398-1541, 389-9443.

Comedy at El Rio with Teresa Holcomb! 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

AUG 18 / TUE

Lavender Lounge, "The Queer American Bandstand," show features the cast of *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?* 1:30 pm on cable channel 25.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by blond bodybuilder hunk Jim Rueth. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

"Trans-Body Work," a presentation by Andrea Schmid at Amron Metaphysical Ctr. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Donald Spoto discusses his new biography, *Blue Angel: The Life of Marlene Dietrich*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Cody's Books: Howard Rheingold discusses his book, *Virtual Reality: The Revolutionary Technology of Computer-Generated Artificial Worlds, & How It Promises to Transform Society*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Author Douglas Coupland (*Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture*) reads from his new novel *Shampoo Planet,* a chronicle of the relationship between the technofed twenty-something generation and their splintered, alienated '60s parents & materialistic grandparents. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At Thunder Bay: *Fungo Mungo* and guests. One Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 843-0706.

509 Open Mike for music, poetry, comedy, dance, etc. Sound system/piano provided. Show starts at 8 pm, performer sign ups at 7:30. Tonight at 8/25 at 509 Cultural Center, 509 Ellis St, SF. Info: 346-1308. Smoke/alcohol free. All ages welcome!

AUG 19 / WED

Latino Volunteer Training Deadline: Final day to register for Shanti Project's Latino Program Volunteer Training (8/28-30). Training prepares Spanish-speaking volunteers to provide emotional & practical support to Latinos & Latinas with HIV/AIDS & those affected by the disease. Fluency in Spanish required. Info/reg: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink 777-2273.

Lunch Bunch Group for the frail & homebound, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: Ruth 626-7000.

Gay & Lesbian Film Course: SF City College's Gay & Lesbian Contemporary Film Class, Film 120D, begins sessions today at 2 & 6:30 pm and 8/20 at 6:30 pm with screenings of *We've Been Framed,* a British documentary about lesbian representation in the cinema; *Can't Take That Away From Me,* a student work about gay bashing; and John Schlesinger's BBC drama, *An Englishman Abroad*. Three Sections Offered: Wed at 2 pm—Cloud Hall, Room 247, CCSF Main Campus, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Wed at 6:30 pm—Everett Middle School, Room 225, Church St at 16th, SF. Thurs at 6:30 pm—Everett Middle School, Room 225. $15 per semester, bring check or money order (no cash) to the first class session. Info: 239-3000 or the Gay & Lesbian Studies Dept 239-3383.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: "Masturbation & Fantasies." Group led by George Birimisa. Info: 626-7000.

Writing Circle for Women: Write & read your work in a safe & supportive atmosphere. Classes include use of writing exercises, dreams, photos. All levels welcome. Pre-reg required. Info: Linda 337-7207.

Recovery Issues Lecture Series: Tonight's topic—"Sex & Recovery, the Hows & Whys." 6-7:30 pm, $30 (family members & significant others may attend with no extra charge). Spons by Henry Ohloff Outpatient Programs. 2418 Clement St at 25th Ave, SF. Info: Katherine or Dana 221-3354.

Labor & Politics: History & Philosophy (Labor 71A). Course offered by SF City College's Labor Studies Program. Learn the history, goals & organizations of unions & workers in the American political process. Discuss current challenges to labor's political participation, political parties, and the effectiveness of current political apparatus. 6 Wed, 8/19-9/23, 6:30-9:30 pm. $6. 800 Mission St, SF. Info: 267-6550.

Course in Miracles Study Group spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) meets 7-9 pm tonight & 8/26. Group promotes personal & spiritual growth. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

SF Hiking Club "Stick 'N Lick,"at Felix's home, 2424 15th St (1 1/2 blocks above Castro), SF. Come help put the newsletter out! Refreshments, conversation & fun. Info: 255-1420.

Singer/songwriter Anne Bredon at Mama Bears. 7:30 pm, $6. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Unlearning Learned Helplessness: Eileen Sullivan, MFCC, discusses the fundamental sense of helplessness which is often the consequence of a traumatic childhood & how full recovery entails unlearning the learned helplessness. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Black Oak Books: Author Mark Sommer (*Beyond the Bomb, The Conquest of War*) discusses his latest book, *Living in Freedom: The Exhilhiration & Anguish of Prague's Second Spring*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Wildcat Words' monthly spoken word event addresses "Altered States: Drugs, Virtual Reality & Cults." Featured authors include Scoop Nisker, Jeffrey Armstrong aka St. Silicone, RU Sirius, Chris Carlsson & Suzanne Stafanac. 7:30 pm, $3-8 SL donation. Co-spons by Modern Times & the Nat'l Writers Union. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

SF Gay Men's Chorus present "A Little Night Music," at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $15. Don't miss! Info/res: 885-0750.

Bondage Party spons by Bondage Buddies. Play nite for guys into bondage & interested party boys in a fully equipped play space. 8 pm, $10. Info/location: 292-3228.

At Cody's Books: Author Douglas Coupland (*Generation X*) reads from his new novel, *Shampoo Planet*, where 1960s parents clash views & values with their 1990s offspring. Tyler Johnson, an ambitious Reagan Youth, dreams of escape & a career with the corporation his mother once firebombed. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Laugh for Life IV at Josie's Cabaret: Comics Linda Hill, Mark Davis, Ed Crasnick and a special guest team up in a benefit for Project Inform, the groundbreaking HIV treatment advocacy group. Emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $12-15. 3583 16th St at Market. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Thunder Bay: *Witnesses, Lethal Gospel* and *Skitzo*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

At Faster Pussycat! Leo Birthday party with *Acid Housewives*, guest DJ Jan Cooley. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

AUG 20 / THU

Today's the deadline to sign up for Gay/Lesbian Sierrans trail restoration project in the Marin Headlands—see 8/22 listing for details.

BAPHR/AAPHR Symposium 1992: Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights & the American Assoc of Physicians for Human Rights sponsor 3 days of dialogue, debate & discussion focused on the HIV infected healthcare worker. Today thru 8/22 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, SF. Info: AAPHR 255-4547.

SF Job Fair 1992: 10 am-4 pm in the Civic Auditorium, Grove Street btwn Polk & Larkin, SF. Spons by the City of SF. Features over 20 SF employers who have current job openings in a wide variety of industries. Also workshops in resume styles, interviewing, using personnel agencies, apprenticeship opportunities, starting a business, crisis management & the special needs of job seekers who are physically challenged or homeless. Minorities, women & people with disabilities are especially encouraged to attend. The emphasis will be on entry level job opportunities. Categories include: accountant, accounting clerk, attorney, casual labor, claims rep trainee, clerical, customer service agent, data processing, firefighter, police officer, secretarial, trade/craft worker, underwriting trainee, word processing & more. Info: Human Rights Commission 252-2500, TDD 252-2550.

Registration Deadline is today for Sonoma BACW "Baja Sonoma" bike ride and "Return of the Ropes" course—see 8/23 & 29 listings for event details.

Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 22 & under. 5:30-6 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 6-7:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-3523 (leave message) or 457-1115. Tonight & 8/27.

Traditional Chinese Medicine & HIV/AIDS: Discussion on the applications of one of the oldest medicines to a modern disease, the use of acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine for HIV/AIDS; with Thomas Sinclair, LAc, staff acupuncturist at Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr and the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Howard Moffett, LAc, HIV Clinic Program Coordinator & staff acupuncturist at American College of Traditional Medicine & Haight Ashbury Free Clinic. 6:30-8 pm at The Gazebo, Davies Medical Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info: 621-8862.

Positive Motion: Expressive arts support group for men. Led by G Hoffman Soto, uses movement, dance, drawing, touch & dialogue to facilitate physical expression, relaxation & emotional support for men living with HIV. Group meets Thurs, 6:30-9:30 pm, thru 9/24 at Mariposa Studio, 2808 Mariposa at Florida, SF. Fee: $60-150 SL. Spons by Tamalpa Institute. Info/reg: 461-9479.

HIV + Drop in Group spons by MCC (Metropolitan Community Church)-SF meets 7 pm in the Chapel. All welcome! 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Elizabeth Pincus reads from her new mystery novel, *Two-Bit Tango,* which features the debut of new SF lesbian PI Nell Fury. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Unlearning Racism," Hillary leads a discussion addressing racism in our community & in our lives. All women welcome! For more info call Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Comic Maureen Brownsey appears at Olive Oils at a benefit for "Herstories" a local women's sports TV show, Aug. 14. See Calendar.

Mark Sommer takes a provocative look at Czechoslovakia's struggle for democratic freedom in his book, *Living in Freedom: The Exhilaration & Anguish of Prague's Second Spring*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

BABN Forum: Bay Area Bisexual Network forum at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Topic: "Straight Talk About Bi's," a discussion of bisexuals in the heterosexual community. Info: 564-BABN.

Gay & Lesbian Videomakers Mtg & Open Screening: For people involved in all aspects of the medium. 7:30-10 pm. SF location. Info/RSVP Nikos 775-6143.

Jonathan Levi, co-founder of *Granta*, reads from his first novel, *A Guide for the Perplexed*, a playful postmodern novel about "personal survival, the healing power of music, Jewish identity forged in exile, the discovery of the New World and the metaphoric underpinnings of religion." 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

BABN Forum: "Straight Talk About Bi's," a discussion centered on issues relating to bisexuals living primarily in the straight community. Spons by Bay Area Bisexual Network. Open to all interested in bisexual issues. 7:30-9:30 pm, free, donations accepted. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF.

Vocalist Richard McGhee at Fellowship of Humanity, 411 28th St, Oakl. 7:30 pm, donations accepted.

New Horizons young adult group for lesbian, gay & bisexual people: 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-3523 (leave message) or call 457-1115.

SF Gay Men's Chorus at Great American—final night! See 8/19 listing for details.

Showtime at SFJCC: An eve with Rick Hatfield. Night of comedy & blues vocals, combining originals & blues classics. 8 pm, $7. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Patrick Lee In "Exotic Fortunes," at Josie's Cabaret. Lee's new one-man play is an intimate & authentically wacky journey thru SF's Chinatown that explores cultural, racial, inter-generational, feminist & sexual politics issues with irreverence & humor: Among the guests invited to Uncle Choi's 60th birthday banquet are Anarko, a rebellious college senior with a bad attitude & haircut, his brother Chippie, a pseudo-Valley boy on the verge of a new romantic discovery, and their friend Melanie, a teenager & immigrant whose mother insists that she become a neurosurgeon & marry an electrical engineer. 8 pm, $10. Show runs Thurs-Sun thru 8/30. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Printers, Inc Bookstore: Author Brian Weiss (*Many Lives, Many Masters*) discusses his new book, *Through Time Into Healing*, which shows how to use past-life therapy to heal specific problems. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: *Good Sex* editor Julia Hutton & contributors discuss good sex—kinky & straight, staged & spontaneous, paid & unpaid, natural & technologically enhanced. 8 pm, $3-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Homey con Bolsas, an adaptation by Michael Garcia of Ionesco's *Man with Bags*. Play explores human consciousness and spirituality, police brutality, racial, cultural & sexual identity. 8 pm, $6-10 SL fee. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Bloodlines, an evening of Storytime on the Upper Terrace. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Sharon Art Studio offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF.

Napa Town & Country Fair: Thru 8/16. Noon-midnight. Traditional & contemporary arts & crafts displays, special games & attractions for children. At the Napa Valley Expo, 575 Third St, downtown Napa. $6 ages 13 & up, $3 ages 6-12 & seniors over 60. Info: (707) 253-4900.

Stories & Songs for Kids of all ages at KBBK Studios with Carlos Ramirez. A fun eve of multicultural stories & songs. 8/15 at 8 pm, $6-8 SL fee for adults, half-price for kids. KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St, SF. Seating limited, call for adv res. Info: 563-9046.

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Families address discrimination in SF public & private schools with a Parents' Forum on Education: A first-ever citywide meeting to share our families' experiences in SF public & private schools. Discussion of the discrimination & isolation often faced by our children in the educational arena, and how attitudes based on preconceptions of gay lifestyles create verbal & physical violence toward our kids, beginning at the elementary school level. Guest participants: Tom Ammiano, SF School Board Member; Bill Rojas, SFUSD Superintendent of Schools & Roberta Achtenberg, SF Board of Supervisors. 8/22, 9 am-noon. Free childcare provided. James Lick Middle School, 1220 Noe St, SF.

parents & kids box

Kadimah Open House: 8/16, 2-4 pm. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav welcomes everyone to an open house for its Kadimah Religious School program. Come find out about the Congregation's unique, warm & wonderful school program for kids (kindergarden thru Bar/Bat Mitzvah). Lots of art, music & fun for kids while they bond with each other & increase their understanding of Judaism. 220 Danvers St at Caselli (upper Market), SF. Info: 861-6932.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 8/22: Walter the Giant Storyteller tells new tales to kids & their parents. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Storytime at the Art Museum: 8/15 at 11 am. Cody's for Kids celebrates Family Day at the University Art Museum in Berkeley. Walter the Giant Storyteller reads your kids' favorite books, followed by program of activities for the whole family. 2621 Durant Ave, Berkeley.

dance/theatre works choreographed by Mercy Sidbury, plus a revival of Joe Goode's critically-acclaimed solo for Sidbury, *Five Meditations on the Death of a Gentle Woman*. Tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project. Tix $12 gen'l, $2 discount for srs & stdnts. Info/res: 621-7797.

Paper Tiger TV monthly series at ATA continues with three half-hour videos about independent publications: *The Masses*, an early (1911-17) pre-Leninist radical pubicat'on filled with humor & great graphics; *Processed World*, an early look at the Bay Area's "magazine with a bad attitude" before the attempted sell-out to Time-Warner; and *World-War 3*, a 12-year-old radical political comic mag out of NYC. Plus an indie 'zine & comix fair. Fair starts at 7 pm, screening starts at 8:30. $3-5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Singer/songwriter Steve Barton returns to SF, opening the show for Jonathan Richman at SF's Paradise Lounge. 10 pm. Tix $5.

AUG 21 / F R I

Lesbian & Gay Suicide Survivors Group—see 8/14.

Sonoma BACW TGIF: TGIF with Bay Area Career Women! 6-8 pm at Santa Rosa Inn (they've got a piano bar)—come start your weekend off right! No-host bar. Info: Louise (707) 833-2303.

MCC-SF Men Together Group meets at 7 pm, followed by social hour. Tonight's topic: "Gay Men's Spirituality." Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Ballroom Dance Class for gays & lesbians, see 8/14.

Women's Country Western Dance Class: 7-9 pm tonight & 8/28, 9/4 & 9/11 in the Eastbay. Info/res: Gerri Shapiro (510) 428-2144.

Marin BACW TGIF/WCD: Bay Area Career Women "Thank Goodness It's Friday & We Can Dance" at the Belrose Theatre Center, 1415 5th Ave, San Rafael. Come dance the week's stress away. Includes complimentary light snacks. 7-8 pm social hour, 8-11 pm dancing. $8. Info: Diane 492-9570.

Desire, Power, Technology: The Technologized Body—a symposium exploring the cultural impact of Virtual Reality, spons by the SF Art Institute. VR, a technology which blurs the distinction between real & artificial experience thru the use of computerized accoutrements, has infiltrated mass media & entertainment, and raised philosophical issues regarding the nature of physical existence & what it means to be human. Seminar provides a forum for scholars, artists, researchers, writers & scientists to discuss this issue. Panelists: Steve Beck of Lapis Software, Sharon Grace, video artist; Alison Kennedy, editor; Marilouise & Arthur Kroker, authors; Jaron Lanier of VPL Research Labs; Ron Reisman of NASA's flight simulator division; and Avital Ronnell, author. 7:30 pm, $5. VR immersion system will be on site 5-7:30 pm, preceding symposium. SFAI Lecture Hall, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

SF Saxophone Quartet performs a benefit concert for Project Open Hand. The quartet performs works from its internationally acclaimed CD, "Tails of the City," as well as their new release, "Winds of Change." 7:30 pm tonight & tmw at the Neptune Society Columbarium, #1 Loraine Court, btwn Geary & Anza, Stanyan & Arguello, SF. Tix $15. Info: 221-1838.

Developing Direct Relationships with Your Guides: Sierra Faith, a multi-dimensional, multi-talented healer & teacher, shows how to develop direct relationships with your spirit guides. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Guide, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Strike-Out AIDS: 1992 AIDS Benefit at Candlestick Park: Bring your friends, family & significant other to watch the Giants battle the Pittsburg Pirates at 7:35 pm. Best available upper reserved seats on hold & discounted, $3 of each ticket sold benefits northern Calif AIDS relief agencies. Tix: $7.25 each. Includes pregame program of musical entertainment beginning at 7 pm. Messageboard recognition of all group orders of 25 tix or more. Info/tix: Unicorn 864-2531 or the SF Giants 330-2435.

Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/20.

Gwen Avery in concert: Night of sweet blues & gospel at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Elegant Jellie Dance Performance Troupe presents "Dance Across the Ocean," four eves of original "New Dance" performance works. 8 pm, $7-10 SL. Tonight & tmw at Motivity Studio, 2525 Dwight Way at 8th, Berkeley; and 8/28 & 29 at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St at 24th, SF. Info/res: 775-5663.

Bloodlines, an eve of dance/theatre at Theater Artaud, see 8/20 listing for details.

Club nZinga at El Rio—see 8/14.

Unleash the Queen: "A new pro-active club experience here to celebrate our collective survival in the face of all that is homophobic & evil." Come liberate yourself with DJs Bill Torain, Jim Hopkins, Nikki Rivera & Neon Leon. Fun starts at 9 pm at 540 Howard St, btwn 1st & 2nd, SF.

INJECTION: Premiere of SF's new monthly party at the I-Beam with DJs Buz & Bean, local celebs Enrique, Fifi & Fufu, Gunga and Jason Rail. Also San Joaquin Valley drag performers extraordinaire Sun Tan Darcelle & California. 9 pm, $4. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Two wild & funny women—Marilyn Pittman & Javonka Steele at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/14 listing for details.

AUG 22 / S A T

2nd Annual Trip to Santa Cruz spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF, a club for chubby gay men & their admirers. Info: 824-0260.

Singles Potluck Brunch & Hike: Spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Meet in lovely Calistoga hillside home for a potluck brunch (bring dish to share, and drink), followed by stroll downhill to town (about 1 mile). $1. Call Joan (707) 942-6180 btwn 9-10 pm for directions, or call Sharon (415) 453-9317.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Families Forum to address discrimination in SF public and private schools: See Parents & Kidsbox listing for details.

Help Gay/Lesbian Sierrans with a trail restoration project in a spectacular seaside setting in the Marin Headlands. Co-spons by the National Park Service. No experience necessary! Call Phil (510) 236-6911 by 8/20 to sign up.

Get your whistle! See 8/15 listing for details.

"The Changing Struggle for Civil Rights in the '90s," is the theme of the Annual Conference of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California: Today thru 8/24 at UC Davis. Public welcome. Workshops & panel discussions on reproductive rights, police abuse, manipulation of public opinion, organizing strategies & other civil rights issues. Keynote speaker: Joe Hicks, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles. Fee: $65. Info/res: 621-2493.

MCC-SF Writing Wkshop facilitated by Michael Sountru. Come write your own story, discover the creativity in yourself. 9 am-noon. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Lafayette-Moraga Trail Run (Walnut Creek) with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Rte 24 East to Pleasant Hill Rd exit. Go south on Pleasant Hill Rd to intersection of Pleasant Hill Rd & Olympic Blvd. Turn right on Olympic & meet in first parking lot on left. Meet at 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

5th Annual BAWW (Bay Area Writers Workshop) presents "Literary Publishing & Resources," a 1-day conference for published or unpublished poets & fiction writers. 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Ft Mason Center, Bldg A, SF. Opportunity to communicate with established authors, agents, teachers, editors & arts/political organizers. Features speaker, poet/author Diane Ackerman (*A Natural History of the Senses*) discusses the environmental crisis and its impact on her work & life. Also Panels on various topics including residency programs, censorship, publishing experiences, book reviewing and the art of writing.

Urban Forest Guided Tour: Free tours offer a varied assortment of urban sights & sensations to capture the interest of the Bay Area gardener, nature lover, sightseer & history buff. Today's location: Russian Hill. Meet 10 am-noon at the corner of Francisco & Polk for an exploration of one of SF's most elegant neighborhoods. For more info or tour schedule call Friends of the Urban Forest 543-5000.

8th Annual Women's Day Blood Drive spons by the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund: 10 am-4 pm at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in the Castro, SF. Eligible donors are needed in order to provide critically needed transfusions for people with HIV undergoing various drug therapies. The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund was originally established through the Harvey Milk Club's Lesbian Caucus in 1985. All eligible women donors are welcome! Those interested in donating are asked to call 863-6761 for an appointment so that adequate staffing can be planned & waiting periods minimized. If you can't donate today, you may make donations to the account by donating in the name of the Harvey Milk AIDS Education Fund at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank directly. For further info call Blood Fund Coordinator Lenore Chinn 863-6761.

Worm Composting Wkshop spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners): 10 am-noon, free to SF residents. Learn how to set up a worm bin at home so thousands of little "red wigglers" can eat your garbage for you! Great for indoors or small spaces. Worm bins & worms available for sale. Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Info: 285-7584.

Hunger Pangs: A wkshop for women. Part of the Hunger Pains Project series (see 8/14 listing). Facilitated by Ann Rosencranz, MA. Dismantle the prism of self-image, try to swallow our struggle with food and reimage the body thru blindfold, mirror & thought-nourishment. $25-45 SL fee (some work study available). For info/location call Ann 861-4821.

Professional tennis player and Hall of Fame inductee Tracy Austin reads & signs copies of her new book, *Beyond Center Court: My Story* at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, At the Oaks, 21271 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino. 10:30 am. Info: (408) 255-7600.

Walter the Giant Storyteller: For kids at Cody's, see Parents & Kidsbox.

Spanking & Paddling from A to Z: Hands-on wkshop led by Sybil Holiday. Spons by QSM as part of their series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Spanking & paddling can be done for many reasons—as reward, punishment, for pure sensation—in this wkshop Sybil brings her extensive collection of gloves, mitts & paddles & demos several types of play, then students pair off & practice, with feedback from Sybil. $20. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class from 1-5 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info/res: 550-7776.

Krewe Screw II: In-town, one-day motorcycle run hosted by the Celestial Krewe de Cuir at the Watering Hole Saloon, 1145 Folsom St, SF. Check-in at 1 pm, $8 registration fee covers both motorcycle and people events, and a beer & soda bust from 3-6 pm. Info: ALL-HOOD.

Angel Island Picnic for HIV- People: Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. $8 roundtrip cost. Bring your own lunch, with maybe something to share. For RSVP & more info call Josh 431-9049. Meet 9:30 am at Pier 39 in SF to catch the Red & White Ferry. See 8/23 listing for HIV+ trip.

Rosen Method Bodywork: Wkshop taught by Barbara Crow & Maggie Arnold, certified practitioners of Rosen Method Bodywork. Participants are invited to participate in a brief hands-on exercise & observe a 50-minute demo. 1:30-3 pm, free. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Writing Circle for Women: Write & read your work in a safe & supportive atmosphere. Classes include use of writing exercises, dreams & photos. All levels wecome. Pre-reg required, call Linda 337-7207 for details.

BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's topic—"Sexual Fantasies & Realities." Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served, donation suggested. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

SF Saxophone Quartet in benefit concert for Project Open Hand, see 8/21 listing for details.

"Let's Make A Date," Beer/Soda Bust at the Eagle Bar: An eve of entertainment & dating madness with 4 date auctions & 3 dating games (with everyone eligible by drawing). Each date includes an evening of food, fun, frolic & fantasy gifts with hunks like Al Parker & Tony Amato. Emceed by the new Mr SF Leather Daddy, Irwin Kane! $8 includes all you care to drink. Proceeds benefit Project Inform and the AIDS Health Project. Info: 476-6181.

Elegant Jellie dance troupe presents "Dance Across the Ocean," see 8/21.

At Mama Bears: *Midlife Crisis*, singer/songwriters Cynthia McQuillin & Dr Jane Robinson in concert. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes," at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/20 listing for details. Don't miss!

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Singer/songwriter Dianne Davidson in concert—night of fine jazz, blues & rock & roll. 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Video Night at ATA: Benefit for Parallel's Cultural Exchange Program (covers costs incurred by "Festival of the Ruins" event which brought 20 Czech artists to SF, & sends muralist Susan Greene to Czechoslovakia). See *Break the Silence*, video about 4 US Jewish women who go to Palestine to paint murals; *Bomb*, a music video analysis of the current breakup of Czechoslovakia and *After One Year & Another*, a documentary about the "Velvet Revolution." Also brief slide presentation on the Ostrava Mural Project. 8:30 pm, $3-10. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Funk/Jazz/Rock dance with Narada Michael Walden and *The Brotherhood* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm, $15. Info/res: 885-0750.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Papa Wheelie, The Witnesses* and *Wolfticket*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Maria Falzone, Scott Silverman & Karla Carmody. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 23 / S U N

Get your whistle! See 8/15 listing.

MCC-SF Picnic at Golden Gate Park: Join Metropolitan Community Church-SF for an afternoon of food & fun in park following the 11 am service. Hotdogs & hamburgers provided, just bring a dish to share: Last names beginning with A-I—salad, J-R—beverages, S-Z—dessert. $2 donation. Everyone welcome! Info: 863-4434.

Angel Island Picnic for HIV + People, spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. Meet on Pier 39 in SF at 9:30 am to catch the Red & White Ferry. $8 covers roundtrip cost. Bring your own lunch, maybe something to share. For RSVP and other info call Terry Henderson 922-6655. See 8/22 listing for HIV - trip.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) invites women to participate in an art workshop. Paper making & papier-mache modelling. Come eat, drink & be creative! Registration required, call Pamela Barnes (510) 222-4552.

Baja Sonoma Bike Ride with Sonoma BACW: Join Bay Area Career Women for a ride thru 20 miles of beautiful vineyard country in southern Sonoma. Rendezvous at 10:30 am at Ramal Road & Hwy 12 in Sonoma. $2. Reservations deadline: 8/20. Info: Christine (707) 996-1550.

Old Fashioned Picnic for HIV+ Women & their family and friends, spons by WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases). Potluck picnic, BBQ, music & dancing, games & crafts—lots of fun from noon to dusk! At San Leandro Bay Regional Shoreline, Blue Heron & Rail Areas. Directions: Take Hegenberger Road exit off I-880 & continue west. Turn right on Doolittle Drive, park begins just past Swan Way on your right (or take the #49 bus from Coliseum BART). Info: (510) 658-6930.

Organic Gardening Basics: Class spons by SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG): Gardener Carl Grimm teaches the basics of organic garden design, soil improvement, composting & pest control. Noon-3 pm, $12. Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Info: 285-7584.

Pleasure, Not Panic: How to Process Pain Successfully. Hands-on workshop led by Joseph Bean. Spons by QSM as part of their continuing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Joseph explains how to use your breath, fantasies, mind & energy to enhance the enjoyment of sensation; leads individual & paired exercises using mild forms of pain. Both novices & experienced players are welcome. $20. Doors open 12:30 pm, class 1-4:30 pm in a private SF space. Info/res: 550-7776.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Afternoon drawing session in Oakland. Classical nude modeling by Jorge De Baca. 2 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.

BI's Over 40: Group for bisexual women & men over 40 meets at 3 pm. Info/location: Maggie 584-0172.

Robin Heller sings the great tunes at the Polk Gulch. All tips benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. 4 pm, Polk Gulch Saloon, Polk & Post, SF.

Salsa at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm,$7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Mtg: Singers, comics & musicians welcome. Call Jon 731-2424 for info/location.

At Black Oak Books: David & Micki Colfax, autors of *Homeschooling for Excellence*, discuss their new book, *Hard Times in Paradise: An American Family's Struggle to Carve Out A Homestead in California's Redwood Mountains*. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Tede Matthews of Modern Times Bookstore and Sara Levi Calderon, author of *The Two Mujeres*, read from their work in progress. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Tierra Nueva, 7-woman band playing traditional & not-so-traditional salsa rhythms tonight at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm, $6. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Mr & Ms Pacific Friends Pageant: Benefit for the Asian AIDS Project. Live entertainment! 8 pm, $3 adv, $5 at door.At the 'N Touch, 1548 Polk St at Sacramento, SF. Pageant winners go on

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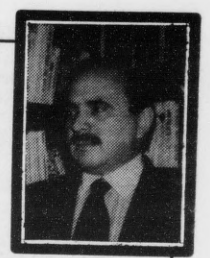

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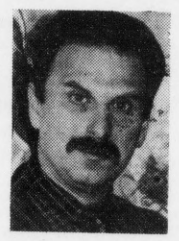

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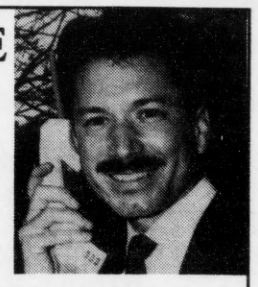

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Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/20.
HOMOture Schmoozefest: Release party for issue number 5 of *HOMOture Magazine*. A night of special performances, visual displays, slide shows, sexy go-go boys & free copies of *HOMOture*. 9 pm at Club Uranus at the End Up, SF.

AUG 24 / MON

Codependency in Relationships: Free 8-wk course, part of SF City College's Castro-Valencia Program. Topics: characteristics of codependency, development & progression, boundary blurring in relationships, shame-based defensive patterns, codependent conflict patterns in families, changing codependent relationships. Mon evenings at 6:30 pm, at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Info: 585-5212.
BI-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation tonight, see 8/17.
Lesbian Relationship Mini-Wkshop/ Talk for Singles & Couples: Understanding what makes a relationship great isn't enough, discovering & implementing what you know works is the challenge. This workshop helps you discover new ways to dramatically enhance your chances of creating the kind of relationship you want. 7:30-9:30 pm, $5. Presented by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, Inc. Info/RSVP: 572-1999.
An Eve of traditional California Indian Music: come hear the songs that are a part of our native culture. Sung by native singers, followed by discussion. Hosted by Malcolm Margolin at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret: Emcee Scott Silverman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

AUG 25 / TUE

"Will Roger's Follies," special performance of this rousing musical starring Keith Carradine & choreogarphed by Tommy Tune. Part of Shanti Project's Summer Premiere Series, proceeds benefit Shanti Project. Tix include post-show reception hosted by the cast at Sir Francis Drake Hotel. Tix info: Elaine Jennings at In Any Event, 584-3354 or Mark Fantone at Shanti Project 777-2273.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Diane Fortier, co-author (with Carol Givens) of *Practicing Eternity*, gives a reading, conversation & booksigning on her work, the story of how she & Carol lived life to the fullest while facing the prospect of Carol's death. 6:30 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
The Dysfunctional Family: Free 8-wk course offered by SF City College's Castro-Valencia Program. Topics: origins, types & characteristics of dysfunctional families, developmental issues & the adult child, intimacy, boundary & control issues, roles & rules, the process of treatment & tools of recovery. Tues eves, 6:30 pm, at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Taught by Genevieve Howe, MS. Info: 585-5150.
"Meditation As a Part of Life," lecture by Rev Jonathan, minister at the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Reclaiming Our Desire: Incest & Sexuality—workshop for women at Good Vibrations. Two 2-hour sessions (tonight & 8/26 at 7:30 pm) facilitated by Staci Haines & Jen Cohen. Early sexual trauma often alters adult experiences of sex, desire & erotic fulfillment. First half of workshop deals with issues of how sex & abuse got confused, how to distinguish old abuse from current sexual practices. The second half focuses on exercises to rebuild our erotic & sexual selves, including use of masturbation, sex toys, diverse sexual practices, fantasy & even celibacy. $30 for both sessions. Women-only. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 550-7399.
Homeopathic Medicine for Children *& Infants:* Author Dana Ullman, MPH, discusses his book on what parents need to know about infant & children's illnesses, and how to prevent recurring bouts of illness. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
At Printers, Inc Bookstore: Author Sylvia Lopez-Medina discusses *Cantora*, her remarkable first novel based on the oral history of her family, a look at four generations of Mexican and Mexican-American women. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.
509 Open Mike—see 8/18 listing for details.
Global Riot: Night of hilarious comedy with SF's only lesbian & gay comedy improv group. 8 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Small Press Traffic: Experimental writer Barbara Einzig gives a prose reading from her book, *Distance Without Distance* 8 pm. 3599 24th St, SF.

AUG 26 / WED

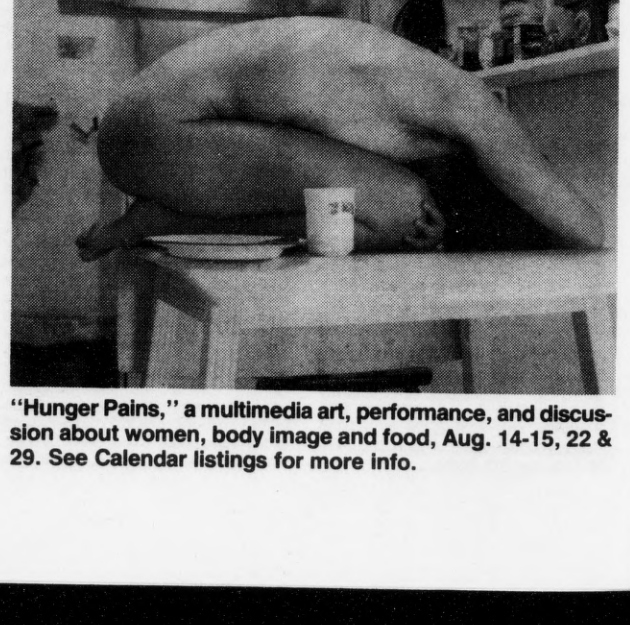
American River Rafting for people with HIV/AIDS: Rough water rafting trp on the American River (not for the timid!) spons by Shanti Activities Project. $35. For info/res: 777-2273.
Free Prose Workshop with experimental writer Barbara Einzig. 4-hr wkshop in experimental prose focuses on oral tradition, rhythmic patterning, painting traditions & foreign language study. Guest speaker: author Robert Gluck (*Jack the Modernist*). Enrollment limited. Call Intersection for the Arts 824-3650 for sign-up & other info.
Older Lesbians Drop-In Support Group: Noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Bring bag lunch. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.
Writing Circle for Women: Write & read your work in a safe & supportive atmosphere. Classes include use of writing exercises, dreams, photos. All levels welcome. Pre-reg required. Call Linda 337-7207 for details.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Course in Miracles Study Group spons by Marin BACW: See 8/19 listing for details.
Don Novello (aka Father Guido Sarducci of *Saturday Night Live*) reads from his new collection, *Citizen Lazlo! The Lazlo Letters Volume II*. 7:30 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At Black Oak Books: Alan B Siegel, PhD, Berkeley psychologist & dream researcher, discusses his book, *Dreams That Can Change Your Life: Navigating Life's Passages Through Turning Point Dreams*. An entertaining & practical book exploring the usefulness of dreams during life transitions. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Project Inform Town Meeting: Get news & highlights from the 8th Int'l AIDS Conference held last July in Amsterdam. Topics include: antiviral research progress, vaccine development & treatment for HIV-related infections, reports of non-HIV cases of AIDS, women & HIV and results of Project Inform's two-year Compound Q Study. 7:30 pm, free, public welcome. Mission High School Auditorium, 3750 18th St at Dolores, SF. Info: 558-9051.
Opening Your Heart to Yourself: Sharon Garell, MFCC, discusses ways to treat yourself with kindness, acceptance & forgiveness. She shares her own story of changing the way she treats herself, and offers many practical "how-to's." 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Bookparty/reading to celebrate the publication of new books by Jack Hirschman (*Endless Threshold*) and Sarah Meneffee (*The Blood About the Heart*). 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At Printers Inc Bookstore: The Earth House—Jeanne Duprau tells of two women's intro to Zen philosophy and their decision to purchase land on a Zen community's property in the Sierra foothills where they begin building a house, until a recurrence of melanoma changes their neatly planned lives. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.
Joke the Police: A comedy benefit at Josie's Cabaret. SF's hottest gay & lesbian comics—Tom Ammiano, Marilyn Pittman, Mark Davis, Pamela Forrest, Scott Capurro & Suzy Berger—team up to raise money for the court case that victims of the October 6 1989 Castro police sweep are bringing against the City. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Jazz guitarist Scott Henderson at Great American Music Hall, with Gary Willis and *Tribal Tech*. 8 pm, $12.50. Info/res: 885-0750.
At Faster Pussycat! *Mrs Jones* with guest DJ Jerry Bonham. At The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

AUG 27 / THU

Get your whistle! See 8/15 listing for details.
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 22 & under, see 8/20 listing.
Co-Topping, Demo Class by Carol Kleinmaier; spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community: Two tops can help build the energy for one another, or they can distract one another, making the scene more chaotic. Carol discusses issues of communication, competition, rhythm & style. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info/res: 550-7776.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Therapist Stanley Siegal reads from his new book, *The Patient Who Cured His Therapist*. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Guest speakers: Sonika Tinker, MSW & Debra Rein, MA, of Loveworks, Inc. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome!
At Printers Inc Bookstore: Don Novello aka Lazlo Toth aka Father Guido Sarducci reads from his new collection of letters, a hilarious missive to the corporate egos & political peacocks of the eighties & nineties, *Citizen Lazlo*. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.
"Saffron," Night of riveting & dynamic contemporary dance, full of athletcism, grace & a touch of the East, with Calif ContemporaryDancers. Choreographed by Yasmen Sorab Mehta. Part of Theater Artaud's Summertime Dance Project. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.
Patrick Lee in "Exotic Fortunes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 8/20.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Joyce Elaine Noll discusses *Company of Prophets*, the first book focused on a broad range of psychic & spiritual experiences completely within the context of the African American community. 8 pm, $3-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.
Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sand and the Gefilte Fish Heads. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Includes audience participation. Info: 346-6040.
Experimental writer Barbara Einzig reads from her recent work at Modern Times Bookstore. 888 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm.
D'Cuckoo at Great American Music Hall. 8:30 pm, $9. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: Photographs by Paul Strand on exhibit thru 8/16. "Masterpieces of 19th Century Photography from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/1. "Expressions of Place: The Art of William Stanley Haseltine, thru 9/20. "Viewpoints XVIII: Frank Lobdell," works by the abstract expressionist & Bay Area teacher; thru 9/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: "Typologies: Nine Contemporary Photographers," work by Bernd & Hilla Becher, Lynne Cohen, Judy Fiskin, Candida Hofer, Roger Mertin, Thomas Ruff, Edward Ruscha & Thomas Struth, on exhibit thru 8/23. "Jackson Pollock: Psychoanalytic Drawings," on exhibit thru 8/30; 40 works drawn from a total of 83 drawings Pollock submitted to his analyst during psychotherapy sessions between 1939-1940. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," thru 8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
SF Art Institute: Paintings by David Reed on exhibit in the Walter/McBean Gallery thru 8/15. 111th Annual Exhibition "9," art by Marlene Angeja, Ann Chamberlain, Gail Chase-Bien, Marjorie Franklin, Kathleen Jesse, Susan Mabel Maney, Charlene Milgrim, Chikako Okada & Leslie Straw. Thru 9/26. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.
SF Camerawork: "Travel Documents," exhibit of work by Karen Atkinson, Ed Grazda, Renee Green, Susan King, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jin-me Yoon, Susan Mabel Maney, Deborah Small, Elizabeth Sisco, Scott Kessler, Louis Hock & David Avalos. Thru 8/22. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Art Lick Gallery: Jenna Bates' "Voodoo Dollhouses," Jerome Caja's "Tailand Collection," and recent paintings by Clancey Cavnar. Thru 8/16. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.
Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-'40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. Thru 9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Brian Weil: The AIDS Photographs," thru 9/8. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams'



"Hunger Pains," a multimedia art, performance, and discussion about women, body image and food, Aug. 14-15, 22 & 29. See Calendar listings for more info.

legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, thru 9/6. "Works by Lorna Simpson," thru 9/27. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cards 'N Jazz: A Sports Art Gallery: Grand opening exhibit of lithos & serigraphs depicting sports heros & baseball stadiums created by Dan Smith, Bill Purdon, William Feldman, Andy Jurinko, Michael Schacht, Richard Merkin & Michael Elins; plus other pieces of fine art & memorabilia. 1528 Pacific Ave btwn Polk & Larkin, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm, or by appt. Info: 474-1096.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," thru 9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

The Clay Studio: "Veiled Illusions: Paintings & Sculpture," by Beth Sudekum. 8/28-9/27. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.

Soft Touch Gallery: 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

Eye Gallery: "Shooting Back: A Photographic View of Life by Homeless Children," on exhibit thru 8/15. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.

Footwork Gallery: "Fearless Gaze," exhibit of photos by John B Davis (1964-1992). Thru 8/31, opening reception 8/15, 6-8 pm. 3221 22nd St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, or by appt. Info: 824-5044.

New Langton Arts: "The Abortion Project," a collaboration by Kathe Burkhart & Chrysanne Stathacos, exhibit features works on female gender issues & reproductive rights, by over 30 artists. Runs thru 8/29. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Robert Koch Gallery: Conceptual photographic work by Oakland artist Jeff Norman, on exhibit thru 8/15. Also group show with works by Zeke Berman, Eric Blau, Lois Conner, Nina Glaser, Lynn Hershman & Shari Lamanet, thru 8/15. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

Vision Gallery: "Outside the Dream: Child Poverty in America," a photo-documentary by Stephen Shames describing the struggle of children living homeless & below the poverty line. Exhibit runs thru 9/5. Photos by Robert Buelteman, on exhibit thru 9/12. "Special Places: SF, Paris, Yosemite, Hawaii," aerial photos by Robert Cameron, on exhibit thru 9/12. 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," 8/29-11/1. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center: New Russell Herrman installation, "Sun Sails," on exhibit thru 9/13 in the Courtyard. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

KBBK Studios: "Three artists, a Feminist View," paintings & monotypes by Diane Fredericks, Dorothy Rossi & Linda Zupcic. Thru 8/15. "Here, Thre & Nowhere: An Immigrant's Dilemma" photos & silkscreen prints by Leon Sun. 8/20-29. Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs and Fri, 2-5 pm Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Paintings & sculpture by Grace Lin on exhibit thru August at World Institute on Disability, 5010 16th St, Oakland, Ste 100. Info: (510) 763-4100 voice/TDD.

John Pence Gallery: "Major Works," paintings & sculpture by several artists. Thru 9/5. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Morphos Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

Robert Dana Gallery: Summer group show of paintings by John Mancini, Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres & Dan Samborski. Thru 8/30. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.

"California Objects Untitled," large scale poly verethane and oil pigment paintings by Sean Krier. On exhibit thru 8/15. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sun or by appt. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Ghia Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

MACE Space for Art: New work by Linda Simmel. Oil on canvas, pastel on paper, thru 8/31. New work by Travis Somervile. Oil on canvas, mixed media on paper, thru 9/5. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Church Street Gallery: "A Fall from Grace," new paintings by Matty Gilreath. Opening reception 8/2, exhibit runs thru 8/22 at Church Street Gallery, Just Desserts, 248 Church St, SF.

Exhibit of Oil Paintings by Debra Walker. Thru 9/6 at Gordon Biersch, 2 Harrison St at Embarcadero, SF. Info: 552-6594.

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True West by Sam Shepard. Powerful dramatization of the long-festering rivalry between two brothers. Double Mask production. Previews 8/19-20 at 8pm, $8. Regular performances Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12; Sun at 7 pm, $10; thru 9/13. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

2nd Annual Summer Theatre Festival presented by Bennett Theatre Lab features 7 one-act plays & 12 scenes from contemporary & classic theatre. Fri & Sat evenings thru 9/12. $7-12 SL fee, 4 performances for $20, no one turned away for lack of funds. Bennett Theatre Lab, 1014 Howard St btwn 6th & 7th, SF. Info/res: 863-6701.

Der Wildschutz by Albert Lortzing. Delightful German comic opera plays 8/14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26 & 29 at 8 pm; 8/30 at 2 pm. Berkeley Opera production. Hillside Club Theater, 2286 Cedar St, Berkeley. Info/res: 524-5256.

Bay Area Playwrights Festival features 11 new plays representing a broad spectrum of the freshest American theatrical voices. At the Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center D, SF; thru 8/24. Fest also includes forum discussions. For full schedule, reservations & other info call 441-8822. Tix $5 for forums, $7 for staged presentations.

A Life in the Theatre by David Mamet. Tragicomic farce of life, love and the theatre. Plays Thurs-Sat thru 8/22 at 8 pm. Tix $7-10 SL. 21 Bernice, btwn Folsom & Harrison, at 12th St, SF. Info/res: 647-8012.

Ethel's on Broadway New musical from B.B. & Deaf Cat productions, the producers of Psycho the Musical and Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Open-ended run at the On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Fri & Sat at 11:30 pm, tix $7. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.

Pains of Youth by Ferdinand Bruckner. Written in Germany in 1926, the play voices the frustration & disillusionment of youth in a world that is hopelessly out of joint. Mirror Theatre Co production. Runs Fri & Sat 8/21 & 22, 28 & 29; Thurs-Sat 9/3-5, 10-12 at 8 pm. Tix $10. Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan St, SF. Info: 476-8333.

Classified by Fred Adler. Solo performer Fred Adler presents "Classified," a semi-autobiographical work following the madcap mishaps of a lost soul in search of a job, and "Ice," a fantastical adaptation of the first 30 pages of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. Runs Thurs-Sat 8/20-22 & 8/27-29 at 8 pm at Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576.

Yes, I Can, Philip Horvitz's musical retelling of Sammy Davis Jr's brush with tragedy on a desert highway. At MACE, 1319 Pine at Hyde, SF. Mon & Tues 8/17-9/1 at 8:30 pm. Tix $5 Info/res: 931-9670.

The Will Rogers Follies. National touring production of the Tony Award-winning musical, a highly visual account of the life of the famed folk hero, performer & cowboy-philosopher. Previews 8/25 at 8 pm & 8/26 at 2 pm. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm. Tix: $55 orchestra & loge, $48 mezzanine, $32 balcony. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF.

Richard III, Royal National Theatre of Great Britain's acclaimed production of William Shakespeare's play opens 8/19 at 7:30 pm for a limited engagement (thru 9/13). Sir Ian McKellen plays Richard III, the tyrannical monarch who ruthlessly manipulates or discards anyone in his path, in this production which twists a classic tale of royal villany into a chilling political thriller, a very modern nightmare. Wed-Sat at 7:30 pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 1:30 pm. Runs 8/19-23, 8/25-9/13. Tix $50 orchestra & loge, $45 mezzanine, $25 balcony. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

The Smell of Guilt by Lydia Lunch & Emilio Cubeiro. Linda Serbu Productions. Intense drama exposes the connections between religion, sex & violence in a frightening, yet sometimes comedic format. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, thru 9/12. Tix $7-10 SL. At the Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 255-6856.

Fred Astaire in Rehearsal, a new show created by Michael Smuin and Daniel Levenstein, featuring the music of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern and others. Runs Wed-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 8/30. At Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Tix $10-15. Info/res: 989-9132.

Psycho: the Musical by Wayne Buidens, with original music & lyrics by Mark Sargent. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm in August. Closes 8/31. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Info/res: 626-KILL, 398-1541.

SF Mime Troupe opens their 30th year of free programs in the parks with "Social Work: An Election Year Fantasy." It's early November, 1992, and the cops are baffled. Someone is snuffing the Bad Boys, all those rotten guys who are looting America. Whodunit? Make sure you catch the show and find out! Call 285-1720 for schedule info.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Musical designed & directed by Wayne Buidens, produced by J2M Productions. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Open-ended run at the Victoria Theatre (last Aug performance is on 8/16, play re-opens on 9/3), 2961 16th St nr Mission BART Station. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576, and at BASS.

The Thundering Herd new improv acting troupe with Bill Bohnam, Jack Boulware, Ed Crasnick, Cameron Galloway, Ian Hadley & Katie Hickman. Showtimes Wed at 8:30 pm thru 8/26 at Holy City Zoo, 408 Clement St, SF. Tix $5. Info/res: 386-4242.

One of These Days by Jeff Thompson & Joseph Leonardi. The Honeymooners meet Queer Nation—Frank & Ted's parents were the squabbling characters on a 1950s TV sitcom, now Frank & Ted carry on the family tradition as roommates in SF's gayest neighborhood. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, thru 8/22. Tix $10. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Howard and Michael Meehan as Austin and Lee in Sam Shepard's "True West," Aug. 21-Sept. 13 at the Phoenix Theatre. Check OnStage for details.

The Weekend by TM Day. Play focuses on 4 women, 3 days, 2 passions and 1 overriding theme—the witty, often irreverent & sometimes erotic language of women together. Runs 8/14-16, 8/20-23, 8/27-30 & 9/3-6 at 8 pm. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 441-5706.

West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Sondheim. UC Berkeley's Dept of Dramatic Art presents 12 performances of this musical classic. Thru 8/23 at Zellerbach Playhouse. Tix $14-$8. For showtimes & other info call (510) 642-9988.

Tony 'N Tina's Wedding: Open-ended run of this Broadway hit about a fictional Italian-American clan in a hilarious wedding send-up that enlists the audience as singing, dancing, drinking & eating guests. Tues-Fri at 7:30 pm, Sat at 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 6:30 pm at First Congregational Church, First & Mason Sts, SF. Reception follows immediately at the Kensington Park Hotel, 450 Post St, SF. Tix $45-$55 includes supper & dancing. Info/res: 392-4400.

M Butterfly by David Henry Hwang. This Tony award-winning play is a brilliant exploration of love & politics. Drama tells the story of a French diplomat's relationshiop with a glamorous Chinese opera star who is eventually revealed to be a spy—and a man. Theatreworks Production. Runs thru 9/6. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, corner of Castro & Mercy, Mountain View. Tix $12-$22. For showtimes & other info call 903-6000.

Prisoner in Your Own Home four short plays in revolving repertory by Amy Freed, Val Hendrickson, Brian Lohmann, John Wilk & Brenda Yungeberg. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 9/4 at 10:30 pm. Climate Theatre, 292 9th St, SF. Tix $7.50. Info/res: 626-9196.

Don't Even Think of Parking Here by Ian Shoales. The Marsh presents the return of Shoales' hit one-man show. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 8/16, at 8 pm. Info/res: 641-0235.

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, adapted by Steven Berkoff. In this adaptation, Gregor Samsa, the commercial traveler who awakens one morning to find himself transformed into a gigantic dung beetle, is no longer a lost, alienated soul consumed by the terror of living, but is instead the martyred victim of a greedy, parasitic society symbolized by his father. SF Theatre Project production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 9/5. Climate Theatre, 292 9th St, SF. Tix $10-$15. Info/res: 626-9196.

West Coast Playwrights celebrates its 6th season with 3 staged readings and a forum on Theatre & Politics at The Marsh. Readings include Jessica Litwak's **Storm Still**, the story of a repressed & pregnant history professor who is guided by the spirits of two 18th century pirates surviving pregnancy on the high seas, 8/24 & 25; Kelly Stuart's **The Interpreter of Horror**, about a young waitress who breaks thru her painful past with the help of her co-worker, Horror, a wise waitress with a penchant for gruesome novels, 8/26; and one reading to be announced. The 8/27 Forum on Theatre & Politics addresses the current state of the arts & how the current political scene fuels artists' work. Panelists include David Dower of Z Collective, Joan Holden of the SF Mime Troupe & others. Tix $7. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

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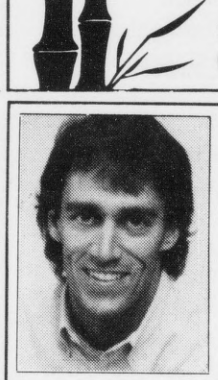

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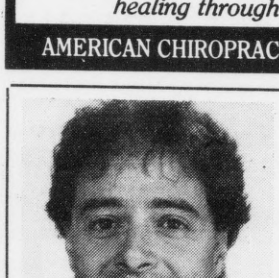

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ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

KBBK Studios exhibit, "Three Artists: A Feminist View," paintings and monotypes, thru Aug. 15. Check Galleries for details.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Deminic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program of-

fers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV + Support Group spons by All Saints Parish. Wkly group for all HIV positive persons. Fun, relaxed, informative, supportive, spiritually-oriented (but no set doctrine or church membership required). Tues 7:30 pm. Facilitated by Judith Dunlop, pastoral associate. 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: 621-1862.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Biweekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment pro-

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Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.
Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.
Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

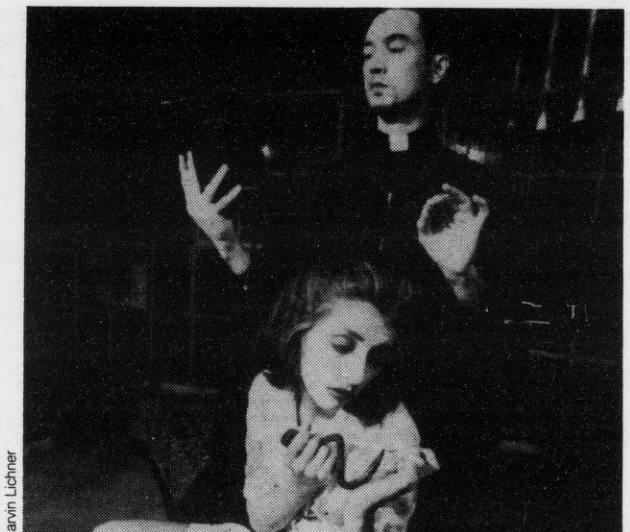
The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm, 1st Tues of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.
WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.
Bi's Over 40: Group for bisexual women & men over 40. Info: Maggi 584-0172.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Seeking Butchness: *Taste of Latex* editor Lily Braindrop and *Girljock* editor Roxxie seek submissions to *Dagger*, an anthology dedicated to celebrating butch women. Butch-positive fiction, non-fiction, graphics & photos are welocme. You don't have to be butch to submit entries. Interested writers & photographers should send SASE to Dagger, PO Box 2587, Berkeley CA 94702. Deadline: 9/15.
Frameline accepts applications for its 1992 Film/Video Completion Fund. The Fund aims to provide financial assistance to lesbian & gay film & videomakers in the last stages of production. Grants of up to $5000 are offered to artists working in any format or genre. For guidelines & other info contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF 94114. Deadline: 10/15. Awards announced on 12/15.
Sex is... Documentary film by Marc Huestis & Lawrence Helman dealing with gay male sexuality is in its final stage of post-production & seeks gay historical memorabilia from national & international sources—home movies, still photos, videotapes, parade footage, old physique magazines, newspaper clippings, cocktail napkins from gay bars & other miscellaneous items as well as historical material from any era showing gay male couples, rituals, same-sex weddings, bars, bathhouses, rallies, marches, parades, college frats & military photos, fairie gatherings, porno theatres, vintage porn, etc. All material considered. For info contact Larry Helman 863-3226.
Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 12/30.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"The Smell of Guilt" a scary/comedic drama on the relations between religion, sex and violence, at the Above Brainwash Theatre, thru Sept. 12. OnStage has info.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game Night: Every Sat night, 6-10 pm at Pacific Cetner, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Scrabble, Boggle, Pictionary, Taboo, cards, etc. BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). Everyone welcome! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.
Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.
Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.
SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).
G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.
Women, Books & Brunch: Women's Book Group welcomes women for fine dining & stimulating conversation. Meets once per month to discuss books by women authors & eat foods inspired by their tales. Call Karen (510) 841-6553 for details.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotlirle, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. Must be respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.
Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94147-0990.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & LITERARY ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & committed to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.
Cocoons: Social/networking group for culturally diverse emerging painters seeks people committed to their artwork. Info: 431-8045.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Chairs & bed available at mtg, 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) invites women to participate in art workshops & projects. Eat, drink & be creative. Call Pamela Barnes (510) 222-4552.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

► POLITICAL

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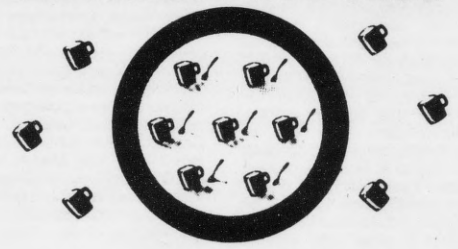
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IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

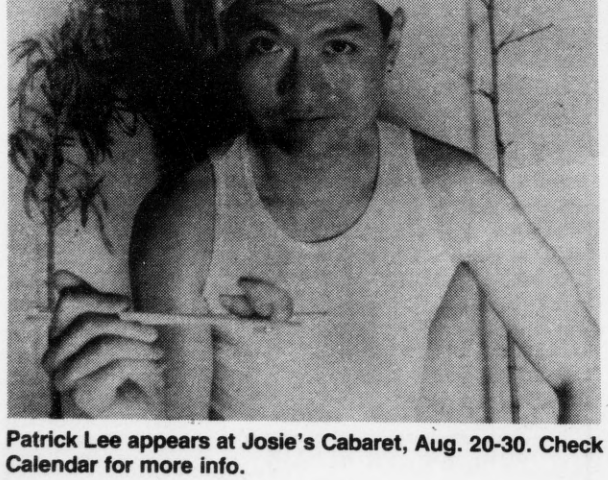
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.



Patrick Lee appears at Josie's Cabaret, Aug. 20-30. Check Calendar for more info.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

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Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.

Lesbian Friday Night Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc: Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics meet every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 7 pm at 424 Monte Vista Ave (corner of Oakland Ave), Oakland. Info: (510)

California Contemporary Dancers present "Saffron," a dance performance at Theatre Artaud, Aug. 27 & 28. Calendar has info.

486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

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Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

Astrology Playshop: From beginning to intermediate. Personal charts, current events & humor. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at 3 pm. Everyone welcome. Call David (510) 845-5034 or Chandra (510) 559-8355.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

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Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

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Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

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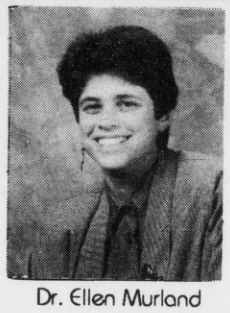

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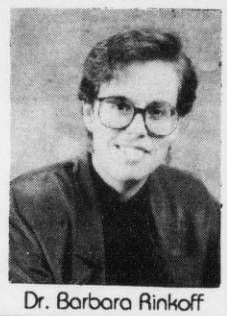

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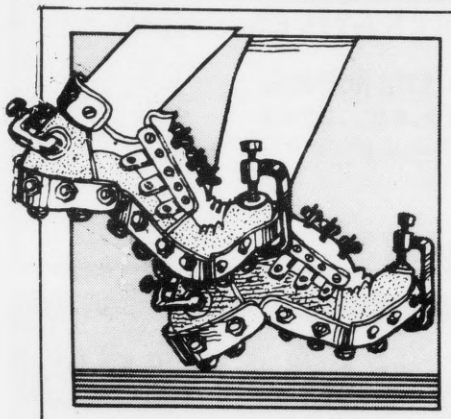

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► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness—See Performance/Literary Arts.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.

Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Int'l network by, for & about female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Lesbian Youth: Ongoing rap/support group meets every Wed evening, 6-8 pm at the Brick Hut Cafe, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-6074.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

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The members of Sonic Youth present politics with a punch (l-r) Lee Ranaldo, Kim Gordon, Thurston Moore and Steve Shelley.

The other night at home I was listening to the new Sonic Youth CD, *Dirty,* while watching television with the sound turned up loud enough to become a part of the overall aural landscape, or should I say roomscape. My focus bounced from one medium to the other as my companion flicked through the channels with the remote control. He halted his hopscotch through the wasteland of info-tainment known as cable television, stopping on a news story that instantly captured our attention. It was the case of "Brownie Mary," the elderly woman facing charges for distributing pot brownies to AIDS patients. I looked at the logical concern and unrelenting warmth on Mary's face as she told reporters, "Sure, I'll go to jail for this if I have to," and I pointed to my pipe, motioned for my friend to fill it, and we smoked, saying, "Here's to Mary," with dramatic flourish.

POT BROWNIE DEBATE

The medicinal properties of marijuana and the regulation of the substance in the medical field have long been topics of debate. I've made pot brownies for people with AIDS who wanted relief from their nausea and pain, or who used it to stimulate their appetites. Others have requested it just because they were in a really good mood and wanted to enjoy it more. I know lots of people who have also provided pot to AIDS patients.

The fact that a 70-year-old woman volunteer is possibly going to be fined or incarcerated for giving pot to people who might prefer it over, say, the more expensive, legal (and personality obliterating) morphine, is a good indication that this nation is completely drug-obsessed. Whether the United States is buying weapons with drugs, seizing and destroying tons of crops and profits, or depicting drug raids on TV like they were fishing or hunting shows—the joy of the patriotic sportsman—our nation is all twisted up big time about drugs in a way one might liken to an individual suffering from multiple personalities.

When crack kills a star athlete the nation mourns and curses the evil plague of drug abuse hanging over us like a cloud, but when the President yacks in the lap of Japan's Prime Minister due to a Halcion hangover, we just get embarrassed. Hear of any anti-Halcion vigilante groups forming in the wealthier, upper-class neighborhoods across America where the maid finds the joint in junior's pants while doing the laundry and gets fired for smoking it herself by a martini-swilling matriarch who's five pills away from pulling a Karen Ann Quinlan? Nope. Comatose would probably be more pleasant than slowly, painfully dying of AIDS in a nation that would deny a pot brownie request from a terminal patient, after already denying that patient the right to live in the first place based on an apple pie moral judgment upon his character.

So, all I can say is, "Hail, Mary!" She is a medicinal marijuana advocate who evokes an image of caring and common sense that is stirring up some reconsiderations on the issue nationally. I couldn't have dreamed up a better example, nor one more realistically wholesome and proud.

What also concerns me is, if pot were allowed and prescribed more often in the future for medical reasons, how could we be sure the government would dole out the really killer green bud and not just hokey homegrown ragweed to patients? So many questions.

OLYMPIC TRIPLE TRASH

The remote control slid us from there into the Olympics, which I hate, but watched enough bits of to determine my favorite event to watch this year—wrestling. Lots of athletic cup-to-face contact had me under the impression that these boys were rooting like hogs for the magic truffle that is man to man love, only to be shattered by a shot to a frumpy girl in the audience cheering above the caption, "Mark's fiancee." Loads of heterosexist bullshit and born-again Christian hooey seeped into the coverage and either Sinead O'Connor or a head lice epidemic inspired a lot of United States athletes to shave their heads. They should just hang their heads—in shame, for they're from the biggest asshole nation in the world. I was touched though when Grace Jones-Joyner-Kersee won the title of greatest athlete/diva. I can't wait for her new single and video. Watching the Straight Games brought to mind the Gay Games and the questions: Why do they exist at all and why aren't Fan Dancing and Deep Throating official events? Quick, get me the Home Shopping Network!

SONIC YOUTH AGAINST FASCISM

Sonic Youth started capturing my attention more fully again when we realized there was nothing worth watching, yet while I had been engrossed with the TV I kept noticing great lyric after great lyric seeping into my consciousness randomly. The first of those lines was from the opening cut, "100 percent": "Can you forgive the boy who/ shot you in the head?" It was emphatically cold and frightening, delivered by guitarist/vocalist Thurston Moore with the same lazy nonchalance and bluntness of his wife, bassist/vocalist Kim Gordon, who seems to sing the majority of these 15 new ones. Do married couples start to sing alike as well as look alike after years together?

As the disc played on I began to note a certain added vigor and intensity in Kim's vocals. On the second song, "Swimsuit Issue," a fine song about sexual harassment in the workplace, her delivery of lines like "Don't touch my breast/ I'm just working at my desk," or "I'm just here for dictation/ I'm not your summer vacation," show a swelling anger not generally present in her usually dreamy, almost spoken, deadpan singing style. This quality continues to grow throughout the CD's entirety, but "Swimsuit" is the real standout cut. I love Kim's recitation of a list of female names over a guitar explosion/solo of the type often found in SY songs—their trademark deconstruction of the rock song form. This is something they've always had a knack for, often turning a song into a brilliantly orchestrated symphony of white guitar noise that sometimes rebuilds and returns the listener back to form by the end.

In the cut "Drunken Butterfly," which features a chorus of "I love you, I love you, I love you. What's your name?" Kim's fierce vocals actually start to sound scratchy like Rod Stewart, if you can imagine anything that scary. (Is this their own sort of "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" for the indie crossover counterculture of the '90s? Nah, it's too mean to cross too far.) She is also fierce on the cut, "Shoot," which finds her emulating a junkie begging for things she wants.

The record does provide a fine example of an anthem for their fans and for the times with the topical "Youth Against Fascism." Its low and grungy bass and guitar sound is augmented by the madly high-pitched, taut-as-a-motherfucker guitar wrenchings of musical guest Ian McKaye from the adamantly independent rock wonderband Fugazi. Lyrics include: "The president sucks/ He's a war pig fuck/ His shit is out of luck/ It's the song I hate," and other images brought up include burning crosses, the KKK, Anita Hill, fat Christian liars, rednecks, Black rioting, etc. The notes on the song in the press release pose the question, "Why do we have to protest for things so explicitly humanitarian and righteous?" This sentiment was apparently inspired by protesters—young protesters—banging pots and pans together outside the White House during the Anita Hill hoopla. The press release also states that it is an election year and we have no one to vote for, only against.

And there you have it: Sonic Youth has tackled political issues with more focus on *Dirty* than in any of their previous albums. The levels of protest run from in-your-face to subtle, and the music, as always with this band, has been a constant and sublime protest against form. With wizard rock producer Butch Vig (Nirvana, L7, Chainsaw Kittens) producing most of this release, I feared a more cleaned-up sound would prevail. At times it is apparent, but Vig's influence only lasts through an intro or just until Sonic Youth do that totally Sonic Youth thing they do—you know, explode in a muddy, murky abyss of orchestrated mayhem and then rebuild it all. I doubt we'll ever be without that quality as long as Sonic Youth is around—and fuck it if it doesn't sound a hell of a lot more appropriate for a protest song than a meek little acoustic guitar whine of oppression from decades ago. Why harmonize when you can yell?

One other fine part of the CD is an odd photo by an artist named Mike Kelley from L.A. It's an image of two adult figures, both nude and both pressing the faces of stuffed animals into their butts. Go figure. I just think it's hilarious, that's all. These are laughable times.

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A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock 'n Roll

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Wynonna Judd has struck her own path without mom and become a solo hit.

Recently, I was listening to an old tape I'd made of a TV show on 1988's crop of "New Country Women." The show gathered together a group of singers then touring England, among them k.d. lang, Sweethearts of the Rodeo, and K.T. Oslin, who observed that everyone expected women country singers to be froufrou, hand-wringing dishrags waiting for their men to come home from drinking and cheating. "That ain't what I'm about," Oslin guffawed.

Indeed, women like lang and Oslin have gone a long way toward rescuing the country genre from my personal exile. It's hard for me to explain my antipathy to country. Perhaps it's my urban bias, or lack of exposure to the really good stuff, but I have a hard time shaking the memories of Dolly/Kenny duets, big hair and paeans to the all-knowing, loving savior that form my clearest images of country.

One of the great things k.d. used to do in her shows was to give a little musicology lesson, pointing out the sources that form contemporary country: Tex-Mex, blues, Irish fiddle music, Cajun. Now that k.d.'s abandoned her first love, who (besides Patsy) is there to carry the torch? Well, I have searched high and low to find a handful of country singers who might do the job. Beware: the het factor looms large here, making the task even more daunting.

Mary-Chapin Carpenter
***Come On Come On*, Columbia**

Carpenter is one of the new breed of country-associated women who doesn't have to set foot in Nashville. Rather, she is based in D.C. and hangs out with East Coast folk pals like Indigo Girls and Shawn Colvin. Indeed, Carpenter's friends make guest appearances on this record, lending their backing vocals to a few songs. This is largely a pop record with some country influences and a token country ballad duet that is best forgotten. Carpenter has a way with upbeat honky-tonk numbers that makes you wonder why she does anything else. Give a listen to "I Feel Lucky," which finds her defying fate to strike it rich in the lottery and then having her pick of Lyle Lovett or Dwight Yoakam.

Carpenter has a cheekiness and confidence that are refreshing. Her cover of Lucinda Williams' "Passionate Kisses" brings a harder edge to the song's cry for the good things in life. When she sings, "Is it too much to demand? I want a full house and a rock 'n' roll band," there's no question she *will* get them.

"Only a Dream" signals a departure from these rave-ups, as it is a love song to a woman, the singer's older sister. Recollecting growing up with her sister's comforting presence beside her, she also hints at gloomier goings-on in their home. The song ends with the sister leaving in the dead of night. Carpenter sings there was "no sign of someone who expects to be back. It must've been one hell of a suitcase you packed."

Lucinda Williams
***Sweet Old World*, Chameleon**

Williams has kicked around for a number of years, releasing a few records, but never quite catching the wave of commercial success. She released a wonderful self-titled record for Rough Trade in 1988, which managed to combine country, folk and a touch of blues. Then she moved onto a projected major label contract, which didn't pan out. Before that, she'd spent a number of years in L.A. limbo after moving from Austin. And before *that*, she'd cut two folk records in New York.

So...she's been around. Well, Chameleon is rereleasing both *Lucinda Williams* and an EP, "Passionate Kisses." But, Williams has been busy in the studio, hence *Sweet Old World*. It's been a long wait, and I expected something more revelatory than this. In Williams' finest songs, like "Side of the Road" or "Crescent City," she evokes a mood or an emotion that is readily understood. She also has a gift for melody, using the time-honored tools of the trade.

On *Sweet Old World*, many of the songs sound similar, and there are few standouts. When she does score, she scores big, as on "Sidewalks." Here, Williams is a stranger in the city who is bewildered by the people she sees, such as "the man with hunger in his face." Her writing is at once introspective and observational. "Hot Blood" and "Prove My Love" also shine, but this album is a bit of a disappointment. Check out her back catalogue to appreciate her talents.

Wynonna Judd
***Wynonna*, Curb/MCA**

Wynonna, of course, is quite at home in Nashville, having achieved boatloads of success there as one half of The Judds. With mama Naomi in forced retirement for health reasons, Wynonna has struck out on her own and made quite the splash. I feared this record for the reasons stated up top. Wynonna has all the requisite Nashville stamps of approval, namely big hair and a Christian outlook. But, she wears them well. Look

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closely and you'll see some streaks of pink in that mop of hair, and even the Jesus song on this record isn't too bad. Whew. What a relief.

Wynonna didn't write any of the songs on the record, but she made good choices in her material. She is clearly in control, as she makes plain on the first cut, "What It Takes," the message of which is, "I'm gonna do whatever it takes to keep this smile on my face." Wynonna growls her way through the song, but turns sweet for the single "She Is His Only Need." Very straight, but relatively painless.

Much better is "I Saw the Light," which isn't about God, but a cheating lover. Yes, she saw the light through the *window* and knew her (gender-neutral) lover was seeing someone else. The cad! "So, take your cheatin' hands off my red dress!" she cries. I should say so. Oh, I did mention the Jesus song, didn't I? It's "Live With Jesus," recorded in somebody's house. It's kind of a play on the idea that "life is a bitch and then you die." Only here, it's "life is hard, but sooner or later, I'll live with Jesus."

Michelle Wright *Now and Then*, Arista

Wright is an up-and-coming act with one foot in Canada and one in Nashville. What she has going for her is a husky, expressive voice. What she lacks is decent material. Most of this record is mush, with few bright spots. When she does get hold of a song, as on "A Little More Comfortable," she pulls out the vocal stops. At other times, she shows some spark, as with "Fastest Healing Broken Heart," in which she tells her no-good lover, "I'm leaving you on the old backburner." But the arrangements are mostly lackluster and the lyrics trite. Too bad, 'cause she can sing the back leg off a mule. Oops.

ENDNOTES...

Mad about the gutting of Roe v. Wade? Well, you can catch the Furious Funeral From Hell on Aug. 17. A women's car caravan will leave from the Church St. Safeway at 10:30 am and parade through SF to protest attacks on our bodies and lives.

Upcoming shows: Indigo Girls and Kristen Hall play the Greek Theater on Aug. 23 with a showtime of 3 pm. Rashida Oji hosts an album release party at La Pena Aug. 26. The Great American Music Hall features the Blazing Redheads on Aug. 21 and D'Cuckoo on Aug. 27. Advance notice: Melissa Etheridge at the Warfield Sept. 3 and 5, and Joan Armatrading at Berkeley Community Theater Sept. 9.

cabaret

By Gene Price

Wrists II

Stand back! Ammiano's onstage, and where his *bon mots* strike, no grass grows... ever. No topic, no person, no governmental agency is safe from his bitch-wit tongue-lashing. An unretractable thorn in the side of the establishment, he's out to kill 'em with laughter.

Tom's comedy hour opens to an empty stage, the sound of telephones ringing, and the voice of an imperious answering machine: "No, Martina Navratilova can't come to the phone right now. She's *out*."

Then the "Mother of Gay Comedy" makes his appearance and leads us through a slide lecture—a sort of refresher course—on what's happened since his first *Wrists* show in 1986. The inmates are still running the asylum, we discover, and Tom's cherry bombs are still hitting their marks. My favorite of the photo slide show was a shot of garbage cans tastefully decorated with Hongisto's police chief uniform.

Now the scatter-shot monologue takes a turn toward stream-of-consciousness, and by the time I've scribbled a note that the Michael Jackson look-alike family will be called the "Stepford Jacksons," Tom's already lashed out at Dan Quayle for thinking *Batman* was a baseball movie. Quayle is so dumb, Tom says, that during Desert Storm he thought "friendly fire" meant farting and lighting a match with it.

By the time I've noted that he misses Nancy Reagan ("She was so *lifelike*"), he's already labeled Tipper and Hillary the "Thelma and Louise of the Junior League." He also "outs" a few newsworthy names and then recoils in horror at the realization that their names have escaped his lips.

When he went back East to his Catholic high school reunion, he discovered none of the priests attended. "There was a NAMBLA convention in Jersey City." He hates the Denver Boot, but wouldn't mind seeing it in a pump. He's impressed with Dianne Feinstein's consistency: "She's still wearing her *Planet of the Apes* hairdo." As to the state of the state's finances, he suggests we try paying our next taxes with IOUs.

City tourists fare no better. He sees them in shorts and T-shirts in the middle of a San Francisco summer and "suddenly it's Nipple Awareness Week."

The PTA, the school board (of which he is a member), the police department, the Mayor, Boy Scouts, safe sex, the Olympics, his macho family... pick your windmill, this two-wristed Don Quixote will slay it with his rapier wit.

Wrists II, one full hour of the gayest comedy, continues at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint Wednesdays through Sundays through Aug. 16 at 8 pm. Call 861-7933.

"Sterling" Cabaret Marathon Benefits AIDS Charities

Intrepid benefit producers Don Johnson and Michael Vita (Sterling Productions) delivered a sold-out, four-hour cabaret marathon at the Venetian Room, the proceeds to be divided between the AIDS Emergency Fund and the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS.

There were 15 acts in all—little wonder the show ran until after midnight. Gail Wilson sashayed through a tango with the S.F. Tap Troupe (I saw only their tapping heads through the bouffant drag hairdo in front of me) and then returned for a song set that included her torchy specialty, "I Should've Never Let Him Go." Comedians Tom Ammiano, Danny Williams and Sandy Van spread their unique brands of good cheer throughout the evening. New comedian Tif Rice, who had just moved here from L.A. that very day, took us to a yard sale of the Rich and Famous that featured impressions of Barbra Streisand, Angela Lansbury and Bette Davis. His terrific Ruth Gordon bit deserves a skit of its own.

Pamela Brooks, whose sweet soprano knows no bounds, sang a down-and-dirty "You Can Always Count on Me." Samm Gray, backed by Sheila Chandler and Mary Holland, with brother Jackie on piano, sang a couple of gospel numbers that practically shredded the hallowed Venetian murals.

Sharon McKnight yodeled through "Cowboy's Sweetheart," and to everyone's delight reprised her spectacular five-minute version of *The Wizard of Oz*. Nicholas, Glover and Wray, the best "sister singers" in the country, bar none, gave us a short course in sister sounds from the '40s through the '80s (the Boswells, Andrews, McGuires and Pointers). Lookin' good and singing swell.

Samantha Samuels jazzed up the Sterling cabaret benefit for AIDS, along with Joe Ellis and his divas, at the Venetian Room.

Mayor Jordan made a special presentation to Michael Vita, who has raised more than half a million dollars for various charities, and declared Aug. 4 Michael Vita Day.

The ultra-dramatic and ultra-funny Samantha Samuels introduced a jazzy number (close your eyes and you'll hear some nice Billie Holiday phrasing), and then she brought Joe Ellis (of the long-since-demolished Trinity Place) onstage for a tribute in which he was serenaded by a quartet of his famous divas that included Gail, Pamela and Sharon, as well as Samantha. It was the highlight of the evening for us old-timers.

Rom Lema lent his big voice to a couple of gospel numbers, and the elegant Clairdee opened with an *a capella* "Amazing Grace" and closed with a "Dr. Feelgood" that was guaranteed to send shivers up and down your spine. Nicholas, Glover and Wray joined with the Jesters on their sextet specialty, "We Couldn't Say Goodbye."

Vocalist/producers Johnson and Vita, joined by the other performers, sang, "Starting Here, Starting Now." It was a blast.

Examiner columnists Stephanie Salter and Rob Morse were co-hosts and the musical director was pianist Larry Dunlap. Jeff Neighbor and Jim Zimmerman were on bass and drums respectively.

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food

By Bill Finkle

Vegetarian Indian Cuisine At a Reasonable Price

The search for inexpensive dining spots led me to an old treasure: The Ganges Restaurant. Opened in 1985 by Malvi and Arun Doshi, it preserves the tradition of fine Indian vegetarian cuisine in a homey, relaxed atmosphere. The place itself, adorned with different renditions of the Hindu deities Krishna, Radhe and Ganesh, feels special—like an intimate hippie living room where you sit either at cozy wooden tables or on cushions on the floor, at low tables. Blond wood and walls reflect the live Indian music played Thursday through Saturday. Malvi, the chef, brings the money collected at the Ganesh puja (Ganesh is the Hindu god of prosperity) to Bombay, where an invocation is made on behalf of the faithful in San Francisco. The name Ganges recalls India, and represents the nurturing spirit of the Mother.

Madame Doshi is an energetic, prolific woman of unique hospitality: Author of three cookbooks and proud mother of two ambitious children, Malvi hails from Gujurati, a region in Western India, where the food offers more spice and varied cooking techniques. As far as I know, there's only one other restaurant in the City that serves Gujurati specialties (Moghul on Lombard Street). My friend Philip, who doesn't eat a bite of food without sauce, adores the condiments: perfumy *raita* (cucumber-yogurt sauce), green mango or tamarind-raisin chutney (made fresh) meant to be taken with the curries, vegetable dahl, and basmati rice. To settle the question, a curry is merely a blend of spices, and, as such, might include a wide array of flavors—hot, mild, pungent, aromatic—and be green, red, or yellow, wet or dry. Meals served at the Ganges feel luxurious—you imagine decadent, wealthy people eating like this in India. But in India the everyday cuisine is much simpler.

The **Combination #1** ($12.50) comprises ten distinct dishes. Less expensive, less abundant combinations are available. We started with a stack of **Papadum**—flat, spiced, roasted lentil wafers. These were crisp and satisfying, the perfect foil for the sweet tamarind **Chutney**—hot coconut-cilantro chutney, piquant carrot-ginger chutney—and cool **Raita**. **Pakoras**, vegetables dipped in a turmeric-chickpea flour batter and deep-fried, tasted light and mild. Other worthwhile appetizers include **Chilli Pakoda**, exquisite fritters of onions, peppers and cilantro in a fiery-hot batter, and **Samosa**, a pastry triangle stuffed with potatoes, peas and sweet spices—delectable and unusual. Glasses of **Mango Lassi** ($1.50), a mango-yogurt drink, refresh the palate and complement the flavors of the food.

The second course brought steaming dishes of **Dahl**, Indian blackeyed peas cooked creamy with cardamom, cloves, coriander and fresh cilantro; **Shak Dhokli**, a stew of garbanzo and wheat flour dumplings cooked with green beans, spices, and parsley, tasting hot and earthy; **Stuffed Zucchini**, in a spicy peanut sauce we loved; fresh **Asparagus**, cooked in a hollandaise-like sauce of garbanzo flour and yogurt; and a **Ragout** of potato, fresh tomato and green peas—a delicate, extraordinary marriage of flavors. The accompanying daffodil-yellow **Saffron Rice** and whole-wheat **Chapati**, flat bread lightly brushed with butter, were invaluable in catching every drop of sauce in sight.

A hot cup of **Chai** ($1.50) satisfies any coffee or tea lover's fantasy—chock-full of cardamom, honey and milk, the chai also packs quite a caffeine punch. It's tough deciding on dessert, with each one bearing a completely different texture and taste. The **Kulfi**, resembling sour cream, is actually a frozen Indian cheese enhanced with saffron, cardamom and almonds—pure heaven. But I also love the **Ladu**, a garbanzo flour sweet with pleasant crunch and heavy-duty cardamom. **Gulab Jamun**, served warm, are deep-fried balls of powdered-milk cheese in a rose water, sugary syrup. All of the desserts taste like the sweetest *prasad*, blessed food from the gods.

Toward the end of the meal, my friends and I were getting a little punchy, drunk on food and cordial, attentive service. We thought the music sounded a bit like "Dueling Sitars," and then wondered if they could play the Indian version of the theme from the "Mary Tyler Moore" show.

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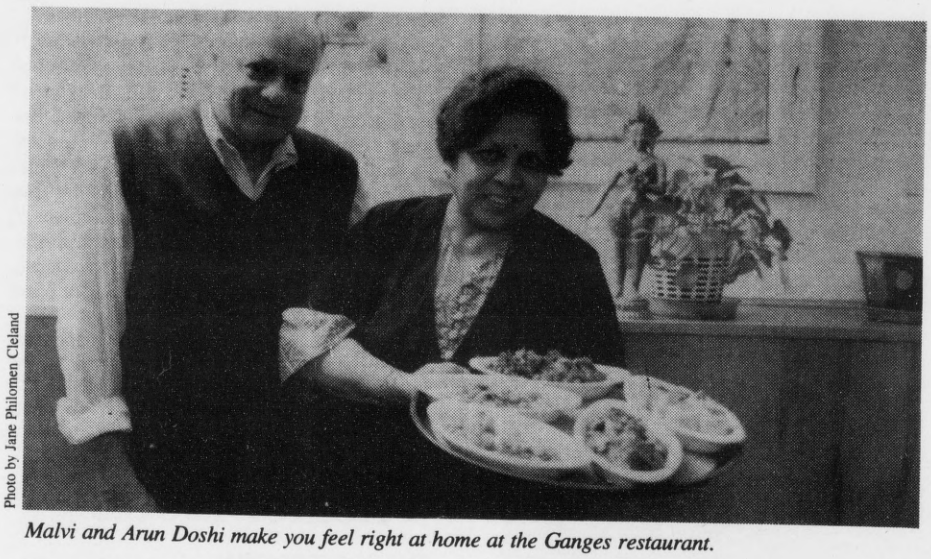

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Oh, the mind can lead you astray after you've had a fantastic meal, and only spent $50 for three. The Ganges will remain a favorite place of mine, a place to go for a pampered dinner, to be treated like family (or better, depending on your family), and to bask in the radiance of a place born out of sheer enjoyment of food and hospitality.

Around Town...

Open only a few months, **Ticouz**, at 3108 16th St. in the Mission, preserves the cultural tradition of Brittany by serving "krampouz," or crepes, made of either buckwheat flour (for savory crepes) or white wheat (for dessert crepes). The delicacies come to the table hot, crisp on the edges and filled with a variety of ingredients: suave smoked salmon with almonds, meaty mushrooms in brown sauce, and fresh stewed tomato with basil, to name a few of the savories; and honey lemon, chestnut, and fruit melba among other sweets. Also available: a fine, substantial French onion soup, various salads, *citron presses*, espresso, and the like.

Cleo's Cafe, at 698 Haight at Pierce, features rotating art exhibits made by the employees, an eclectic collection of chairs and tables, and a blend of musical styles and sounds. I was in heaven when the cafe opened about a year ago, since I could just crawl around the corner to get an eye-opening plate of Mexican eggs with black beans, tortilla chips and guac. But now the menu has expanded, and some great soups, sandwiches, chili, fresh pastries, and other soul-warming concoctions can be had for just a few clams, at any hour of the day. Cleo's also serves mixed drinks, champagne and the standard non-alcoholic bevs.

The new sensation, **Esperpento**, on 22nd at Valencia, has targeted an important market: those looking for excellent, tasty dishes of Spain at very low prices. Last week I enjoyed a full meal there with a buddy for $26, and left pleasantly sated, happy with the fresh, bright flavors and the generously portioned *tapas*, those little servings of various foods meant to be eaten with Spanish sherry. Garlic-pepper chicken, fried fish with garlic mayonnaise, anchovy-stuffed olives, and *escalavida*—a relish of roasted eggplant, peppers and olive oil—piqued my interest and fit my budget. An exuberant *paella* of saffron rice, seafood and chorizo at about $11 per person merits attention, too.

Somewhere beyond the rainbow, but still in the Mission District, the **New Dawn Cafe** (3174 16th) cranks out breakfasts and lunches round the clock at reasonable prices, in a campy setting, with bad dolls hanging from the walls, chunks of twentysomething tchotchkes everywhere, and attitude usually only found in the Castro. Food turns out fast, fresh and surprisingly good: I've enjoyed omelettes stuffed with well-spiced veggies, large, extra thick hotcakes, and homemade biscuits fluffy and steaming. But aside from the food or the espresso, New Dawn is a place to lounge, to explore, to sip slowly as you turn the pages of your favorite bi-weekly.

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theatre

By Gene Price

Lettice & Lovage

There is still time to catch the First Lady of the American Theater (though she started her career as a barefoot, crewcut tomboy in *Member of the Wedding*), Julie Harris, in Peter Shaffer's comedy, *Lettice & Lovage*.

The three-act play (or three one-acts sort of tacked together) was originally written for star Maggie Smith. I can well imagine the mannered, flighty, somewhat ethereal Ms. Smith as the dotty tour guide, Lettice Douffet. Ms. Harris, whose feet have always seemed firmly planted on the ground and whose head sits firmly on her shoulders, lends a more serious demeanor to a character whose fragile charm is perhaps more fey than purposeful.

In a series of quickly repeated scenes, we meet fusty Lettice as she guides bored tourists through "the dullest country house in England." In a desperate attempt to amuse both herself and her parties, she begins to embellish her tour dialogue with fanciful flights involving royal visits, mad ancestors and a virgin cast down the steep stairwell on her wedding eve. The tourists are enthralled. But Ms. Schoen (Roberta Maxwell), personnel supervisor for the Preservation Trust Office, is not. She promptly fires Lettice.

Stirred by pity, the "spit and polish" Ms. Schoen comes to call with an offer of another job. A most improbable friendship blossoms when the two women's pasts collide on a common theme.

Photo by Martha Swope

Julie Harris stars as Lettice Douffet in the award-winning comedy "Lettice & Lovage" thru Aug. 16 at the Curran Theatre.

Lettice, daughter of an actress who led an all-female company through the provinces of France, has always fought against the second-rate, embellishing it with fantasy when so required. Ms. Schoen, who wanted to be an architect but nursed an ill father instead, reveals a history as a youthful anarchist who once attempted to blow up one of London's newer and uglier buildings. Lettice plies Schoen with a few pints of her homemade "lovage," a highly suspect medieval drink containing fermented honey and parsley, and they are bonded forever. Well, almost.

In Act III, the weakest act of the trio, Lettice is confronted by a court-appointed attorney sent to defend her against a charge of attempted murder, by sword, of Schoen. The play concludes with an amusing twist.

Lettice & Lovage's delicious satiric concept might well have been squeezed into two acts... or even one. Shaffer (*Amadeus, Equus*) writes with great flair and style, but in this instance he might have done it with a less meandering script.

Even so, any chance to see Julie Harris do her stuff is not a chance to be missed. Her co-star and co-crusader, Roberta Maxwell, was a delight.

Lettice & Lovage ends this Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Curran Theatre. Call the box office or (510) 762-BASS.

You're Gonna Love Tomorrow

You know a musical revue is just about perfect when you don't want it to end. That's the case with the Marin Theatre Company's production of *You're Gonna Love Tomorrow*, a Stephen Sondheim evening. First performed in 1983 at the Whitney Museum as a Sondheim tribute, the two-night showcase featured eight singers and six musicians.

As directed locally by Kurt Reinhardt, with Daniel Lockert at the center-stage piano, the musical features a delightfully balanced cast of five singer/actors, Robert Buvon, Meg Mackay, Christine McHugh, Maureen McVerry and Gregory C. Watt.

The first act offered six songs from an unproduced show, *Saturday Night*, three from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and two from a TV special, *Evening Primrose*. Following the ensemble's "Invocations and Instructions" from *Frogs* (asking the audience not to cough, hum along, squeak their chairs, whisper or applaud out of turn), the individual performers delivered minimum bits of dialogue about plots, the shows and Sondheim himself.

I especially liked Christine's winsome plea, "What More Do I Need?" and "Love is in the Air," in which she was joined by Maureen and Greg. The satiric "Something About a War" featured Robert and his ragtag "soldiers"; Greg soloed on the touching "I Remember"; and the ensemble took the first act to a soaring close with "Take Me to the World."

Devoid of any connecting commentary, the second act moved from song to song on themes of falling *in* and mostly falling *out* of love. The ensemble led off with Sondheim's pastiche of Rodgers and Hart, "You're Gonna Love Tomorrow." Meg (looking and singing like a million bucks) brought down the house with "Being Alive," and Christine followed with a passionately rendered "Marry Me a Little." Maureen, whose infallible comic timing is a joy forever, romped through "Not Getting Married," with the help of Greg and Meg, and then joined Greg for the composer's catalogue of marital joys, "The Little Things You Do Together."

Then came the *big* solos. Christine turned her soprano to the haunting "Not a Day Goes By," and Robert's impressive voice made a soulful promise of "Not While I'm Around." Reeking of sophisticated hauteur, Maureen stripped her mate's gears on "Could I Leave You?"; romantic leading man Greg sang "Anyone Can Whistle"; and diva Meg added considerable go-for-broke drama to "Send in the Clowns." "Old Friends" was the rousing ensemble closer.

Perfectly cast for voice, look and temperament, this ingratiating revue sings itself into your heart from the first note to the last.

You're Gonna Love Tomorrow continues Thursdays through Sundays, 8 pm, at the Marin Theatre Company, Mill Valley, through Aug. 31. Call 388-5200.

Theater Notes

THE PROFESSIONAL

Upstart Stage's production of the English-language premiere of Yugoslavian playwright Dusan Kovacevic's Kafka-like drama had a short but successful and critically impressive run at the North Beach Repertory. Dennis Barnett was Teya, a dissident and unsuccessful Belgrade writer inexplicably promoted to the editorship of a publishing house after the collapse of the Communist regime. He is confronted by Luke (Joe Bellan), a former secret policeman who has spied on him for many years and now arrives to present him with the salvaged artifacts of his past (books of poems, speeches, stories, and a trunkful of personal mementos). Bellan delivers a particularly touching performance as the oppressor who has come to identify with his political victim and, in effect, has preserved the ideas he initially set out to destroy. Succinct and compelling, the drama asks if anything changes when one restrictive regime rises from the ashes of another. The script was translated by Phoenix-based Bob Djurdjevic. Playwright Kovacevic, who expected to attend the premiere, was denied a visa by our government.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO B.B. JANE?

The producers tossed a 100th performance party for the faithful and the faithful were there *en masse*. Many were turned away to await the 200th performance party which will undoubtedly happen. The show has tightened up some, but could still use a bit of editing, sharpening and, yes, even paring down of the cast (a number of whom give the impression of lip-synching during musical numbers).

Paul Anelli and Matthew Martin are now so into their roles as the Hudson sisters that no matter what their cult fans scream at them (and scream they do) they're ready with an appropriate reaction. (Best audience line of the night was when Blanche starts to lift the silver lid off her dinner tray and someone screamed, "It's ratatouille!")

David Nash, hairy chest and all, is a blast as the toe-tapping, top-heavy Ann Miller. Richard Sanchez is divine as the son-smothering mother, Delvine Flagg, and Harriet Anderson-Henrich is a delightful, spacy Elvira. Brent Holland (whom I didn't see) has since gone in as Zsa Zsa G. Word is the producers would like to find a downtown theater where they could capture the tourist market with this irrepressible sister act.

BAR NONE

The audience participation murder mystery that is set in a seedy Tenderloin bar will close after four (or is it five?) years. In a fit of nostalgia I caught it again recently and was pleased to see some familiar faces. Randy Paulos is back in the cast as Mickey, the gay bartender. Fred Baker, the Detective, wore a familiar tilt to his hat. Kimberly Richards, who has played Martha, wife of the deceased, for some months now, was one evil bitch and I voted for her as the murderer, but to no avail. Most audiences prefer to hang slightly pregnant beauty pageant contestant Fay (Janine Shiota). Hurry, hurry, hurry if you want to see an ex-Army officer and Vietnam veteran turn into a drag queen right before your very eyes.

Bar None closes Aug. 29. Call the Plush Room, Hotel York, 885-2800.

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"Lesbian Feminist Playwright"

An Interview With Claire Chafee

By Gene Price

The 15th Annual Bay Area Playwrights Festival, Aug. 8-24 at the Magic Theatre, will feature five staged presentations and six staged readings of new plays for artistic directors, theater artists and the public.

Local playwright Claire Chafee's *Even Among These Rocks* is a portrait of three lesbians dealing with love, alienation and death.

Currently in the MFA program at Brown University and already known to local theatergoers as the co-composer of the music for Theatre Rhino's *Queen of Swords,* Ms. Chafee took time away from her typewriter to answer a few questions about herself and her work.

(SF Bay Times): *Your bio mentions that you have acted, directed and written theater music and have now written a play. How do you plead?*

(Chafee): I'm from New York City, where everyone trains *informally* for the theater. My formal training was at Oberlin College, where I got a BA in theater. After a post-grad training program in London, I moved to Seattle, where I acted and stage managed. Then, back in New York, I interned at Playwright's Horizons with some fine directors—Joe Chaikin, Tom Babe and Anne Bogart. Six years ago I moved to San Francisco and got involved in drama therapy. I figured I spent so much time in therapy I might as well bring my work there too. But I'm too much of a perfectionist about theater. You can't just scream, "Faster... pick up your cues," in the middle of group therapy. So I decided to write plays.

As a creative outlet, does playwriting solve the problem?

It's the only way I know to be involved in work that reflects my world. I always felt unrepresented by other writers' plays. I got really tired of seeing gay characters depicted as people who were permanently exploring that one single aspect about themselves.

So Even Among These Rocks *promises a more fully realized treatment of gay stage characters. Can you tell us, in ten words or less...?*

It's about relationships... three lesbians and a dying gay friend. But beyond that, it's about the search for, as Irene in the play puts it, "Something to struggle against." It's about people who try to figure things out through language in a world that is baffling on a much deeper level. And I guess it's also about attempting love. And resolving alienation. And being gay. It's really two interlocking stories told in a series of cinematic vignettes.

Claire Chafee: Writing plays that reflect her world.

Assuming that many of the local lesbian and gay theatergoers who see the play will be "predisposed" to like it, could this reaction color an artistic director's evaluation of the play's merits?

At a prior staged reading at Brown's New Play Festival, both the cast and the audience were predominantly straight. It was especially gratifying to me to realize for the first time, tangibly, that people get it... even if they're not gay. I'd always felt it necessary to surround myself with a bullet-proof shield, but once the play was out there the audience wasn't thinking of me at all. They were thinking of the play in terms of themselves. So far, most of the positive response has not been from an audience "predisposed" to like it. In any case, I try not to worry too much about mainstream appeal. It does weird things to your skin.

Any future production plans for this work?

First this festival. Then... I'm hoping.

The festival assigns each playwright a professional dramaturge to assist on the development of the script. What's the process?

I worked with two extremely accurate and sensitive people, Kathy Clarke and Mame Hunt, who basically asked good questions. I think that's all a dramaturge can really do: address the internal logic of the piece and be unrelenting about clarity. As a writer I work as much with what *isn't* said as with what *is,* so it's important to have someone oversee the sense of it.

Do you follow any specific creative regime?

No. A lot of writers make an effort to maintain a certain level of turmoil in their lives. But for me that comes naturally. Maria Irene Fornes calls it "research."

When something you've written is in rehearsal and you find the actors or the director at cross purposes to your intention, what's your reaction?

It's always frustrating. You oscillate between trying to be nice and jumping up and screaming, "No, that's not it at *all.*" Surrender is the hardest part, but that's what it comes down to. It's like raising a kid... you have to let them do it themselves. Otherwise, there are no surprises. And they get really mad at you.

I understand you're already into a new play about Joan of Arc. A musical. And you're also writing the music.

I'm really intrigued by Joan of Arc. The French depict her as this blond girl in a pageboy surrounded by men, blindly being led around by voices. But from the transcripts of her trial, you can tell she was very shrewd, very strong and had a surprising sense of humor. But my piece is more metaphoric than historic. It touches on two of my favorite subjects: the search for self and the construct of the female character. I know in my own girlhood there were no examples of the female hero—the one who put her personal safety in danger for an *idea.* Women were not depicted as *having* ideas, much less being driven by them. And the music? I've been writing music for a long time. Ever since I did the music with Jeanine Strobel for *The Queen of Swords,* I've wanted to do a musical. This theme is perfect for gospel.

Would it, or does it, offend you to be categorized as a feminist writer?

I consider myself a feminist and anything I write has that struggle at its core. All writers want to imagine their themes are beyond sexual categorization. Nevertheless, we are constantly being sexually categorized. If it must be, I choose lesbian feminist playwright. Many well-meaning people have suggested that I not be so specific, sexually speaking, but I figure until we're willing to be called something, we can't expect to break its negative power. Besides, I kinda like the term "lesbian feminist playwright," even though it often makes people get this weary look on their faces, like they're saying, "I know. I know." But do they? Do they really know?

Even Among These Rocks, *directed by Roberta Levitow, runs Friday, Aug. 14 and Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 8 pm; $7 donation. Call 441-8822.*

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welcome to me by ggreg deborah taylor, o.s.

Generation X-tasy

As the millenium comes to a close, and the twentysomething generation of Americans comes of age, traditional values have leapt to the forefront of the right-wing platform.

Forwarding this agenda is an older generation of conservatives who fear an uncertain future and whose myopic conviction is that if they won't change, their world won't change.

For my generation of twentysomethings, however, our memories of society *begin* with the Civil Rights Movement and Woodstock; our world view rooted in cautious hope for change rather than contentment with the status quo.

We have a hard time remembering who was president before Nixon, and definitely wouldn't remember who preceded Kennedy. As toddlers, we grew up in front of our families' black and white televisions, watching the Apollo missions from Cape Canaveral, and body counts from Vietnam.

As young people, we've inherited an era of homelessness, urban decay and the rise of the right wing. Our parents grew up with the Cold War and the Bomb; we grew up with global terrorism and Richard Simmons.

As young queers, we are people living with AIDS. At our debutante ball, our gloves had already been sullied by the blood of the plague. We have never known, and perhaps may never know, sex without the association of death.

We look back on the past with yearning and remembrance of times we never shared. We wish we could have known Harvey Milk and Sylvester, that we could have experienced disco and fan dancing. We dream of doing the Hustle at the Trocadero and banging at the 8th & Howard bathhouse.

Our *Big Chill* will find us harking back to the Tylenol scare, remembering Jonestown, and laughing about trickle-down economics; Depeche Mode and New Order playing in the background as we drink our Smart Drinks.

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Generation X and other pre-Apocalyptic writings speak about our deferred futures—we have come to accept that our lives will not be as rich as those of our parents. We do not expect to be able to own our own homes, nor do we envision early retirement. As America comes to resemble a traditional collapsing empire, we twentysomethings have come to build walls of cynicism to protect ourselves; we do not live on Fantasy Island.

GOOD TIMES

Despite our downward mobility, though, our dreams race toward the future faster than the Bionic Woman.

Growing up post-Stonewall, we gay twentysomethings often take our identity for granted, for which we must thank those who came before us. Though suicide attempts by gay and lesbian teenagers still occur in epidemic proportions, many of us grew up knowing we were not alone, a great improvement over previous times. Youth, however, gets little respect, and the history curriculum we were taught in school did not embrace homosexual civil rights.

As young queers we have come into a community which simultaneously worships and resents youth. Beauty is tantamount to power. Pecs establish privilege. Rather than learning from older people, young gays entering the shadow world milieu have traditionally pushed their potential mentors aside.

Hopefully the new queer movement's ideological tendency toward embracing diversity will circumvent tradition, and foster a greater sense of unity.

Our lives are rooted in simplicity: living in our rentals, stereo beside a futon on the floor, record-filled milk crates serving as decor. Our aspirations deviate from those of our predecessors in both scale and direction.

Where the '70s and '80s were decades of self-exploration and profiteering, for twentysomething queers, the '90s are potentially a time of ideological unification and social advancement, experiences and issues coming to take precedence over careers and property.

Well, maybe not, but it would be nice.

We have grown up, come out and survived in a society which teaches us to hate ourselves—an accomplishment in itself.

We advocate world unity and universal harmony as our trade deficit flourishes in our carbon dioxide-rich greenhouse atmosphere. We rave for peace. We trip toward denial.

The new queer movement is flexing its political muscle to establish its position in the socio-cultural food chain, unfortunately oftimes shooting comrades down with the verbal equivalent of friendly fire.

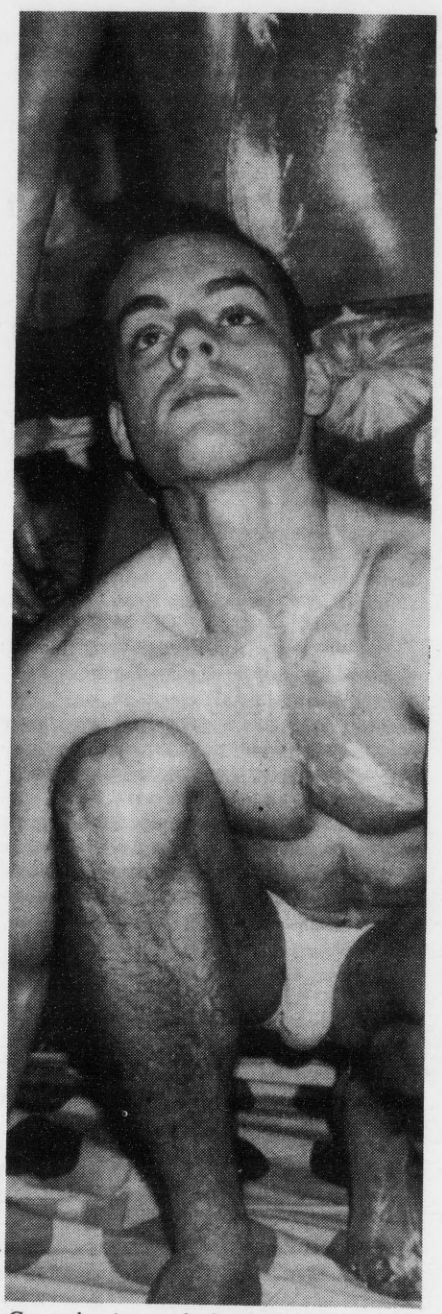
Our generation has taken the lead from those before us, learning from their advances, and expanding on them. We have learned to combat homophobia as out, loud and proud homos.

Queer Nation and other groups have brought us together, teaching us to work together for progressive social change. From initial work with QN and ACT UP, many have progressed onward, joining other more established or "legitimized" groups to lend their voices in other domains, and on other scales.

Naughty pro-active hooliganism in the name of advancement has cropped up in many areas, particularly in the media. *Outweek* kicked *The Advocate* in the ass, and broadened the arena and power of homo journalism, giving voice to the new queer vision. Slowly, through our achievements and experience we are earning the respect of the Boomers.

Our predilection as the generation of the Apocalypse is to be contentious rather than content. Because our world has been formed by sound bites and infomercials, rather than history and analysis, our ingrained distrust of authority has geared us to base our futures in hope rather than expectations.

But being young and queer isn't such a negative experience. The anarchy of uncertainty gives license to whimsy, and the freedom to redefine our boundaries. At least we weren't Scared Straight.



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Go-go dancing on the brink of the apocalypse: twentysomethings living in Fantasy Island remember Twister.

NOTES FROM CLUBLAND

Reincarnated in a potentially permanent form, **Unleash the Queen** opens Friday, Aug. 21 at DV8, 540 Howard at 2nd. Familiar local DJs Nikki Rivera, Neon Leon and Bill Torain are scheduled to spin regularly. Their press release reads: "Unleash the Queen is a new pro-active club experience celebrating our collective survival in the face of all that is Homophobic and Evil." Sounds like they survived one too many Queer Nation or ACT UP meetings. Opening night is free. We like free.

Klubstitute Alert: Reopening on Tuesdays, its original night from days long since past, Klubstitute will land at the 11th Hour on Market St. at 11th on Aug. 11.

Though my memory fails me with regard to who is performing on opening night, Don Baird's constant hounding will not let me forget that the following week will feature celebrity columnist **Don "What About *My* Needs?!" Baird's** 30th birthday party. Don has conceded to accepting cash contributions if your busy schedule precludes shopping. Bring your own paddle. [ed's note: generally, publicity-mongering of this sort is frowned upon, but since it is the poor dear's 30th and we know it is all downhill from here, we'll do it just this once.]

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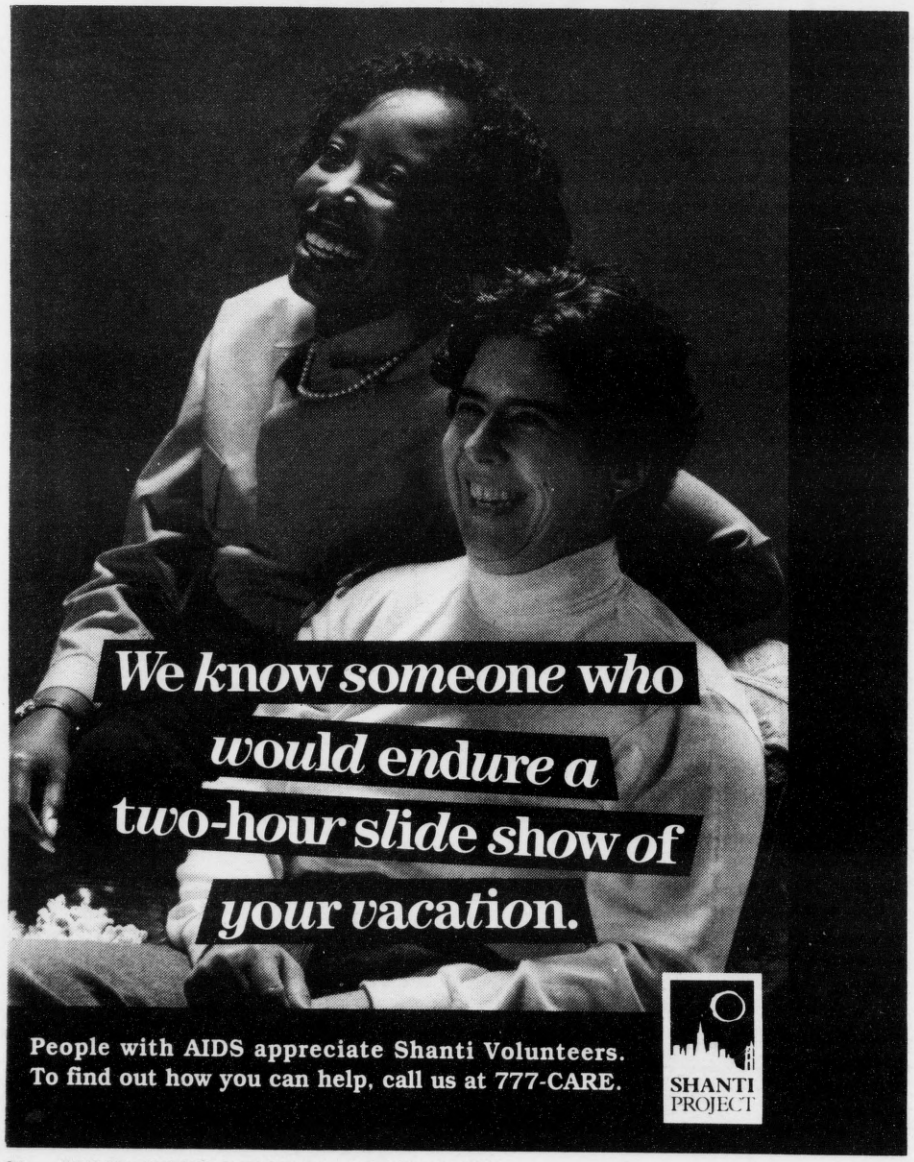
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is extensive, including directing the field operations for the domestic partners campaigns, leading the successful effort to extend health benefits at BART, and organizing for the United Farm Workers grape boycott.

Her campaign slogan is "Every child deserves the best."

Delta Settles With HIV-Positive Man

NEW YORK - Delta Airlines settled with an HIV-positive man who says he was discriminated against because of his AIDS status. The man will be hired by the company and will receive a $13,958 settlement. In addition, the credit reporting firm that interviews applicants for the airline will change how it does business.

The case was one of hundreds filed with the city Human Relations Commission alleging that Delta asked illegal questions and rejected applicants on the basis of marital status, gender, national origin, race, sexual orientation, age and disability.

The airline, meantime, says it did not discriminate and it does not feel the cases filed against it were valid.

Williams Meets With Queers

LOS ANGELES - The new Police Chief, Willie Williams, recently met with about about 50 gay/lesbian/bisexual community leaders at the city's Gay and Lesbian Services Center.

The meeting, set up by Councilmember Michael Woo, marked a sharp departure from the policies of former Police Chief Daryl Gates, whose relationship with the city's gay/lesbian/bisexual community was fiery at best. Williams told the group: "It is my position that in terms of policies, practices and procedures, it doesn't make any difference what your sexual preference is."

"It's an important first step," said David Smith, a spokesperson for the center. "He had really great answers. The big question is if he's going to be able to back up the rhetoric with strong action."

Williams is the former Police Commissioner of Philadelphia.

A Safe Sex Success Story

SAN FRANCISCO - High-risk gay and bisexual men have drastically reduced their unsafe sexual activity after participating in a pioneering AIDS prevention program, a recent study shows.

The STOP AIDS Project helped 60 percent of the men, who previously practiced unsafe sex, maintain consistent safe-sex practices for six months, according to a comprehensive evaluation of the program. The evaluation was conducted in collaboration with the University of California at San Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies.

Ken Jones, executive director of the Stop AIDS Project, announces the success of safe sex education at the STOP AIDS NOW! press conference held on Aug. 5

BART OKs Domestic Partners Benefits

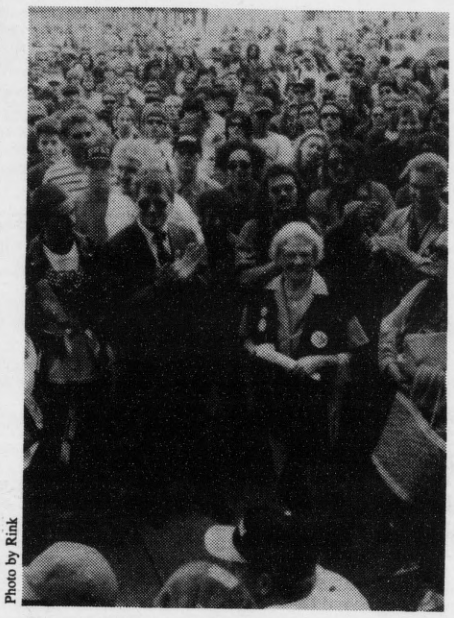
SAN FRANCISCO - Domestic Partnership finally pulled into the Bay Area Rapid Transit station when the BART Board adopted a domestic partnership policy for its lesbian and gay employees on Aug. 6. The measure was approved by a narrow 5-4 vote after a hearing in which 22 people stated their support for the domestic partner measure to the board of directors.

Not only does the package include medical, dental and optical coverage for domestic partners, but there is a special survivor's benefits clause. For $15 a month, survivors of domestic partners who die can receive medical coverage for the rest of their lives.

Bits & Pieces

A special State Board of Education hearing on July 27 sent recommendations for a framework for teaching, and textbooks regarding health education throughout California, back to the Curriculum Commission for consideration of revisions. Far-right extremists objected to many of the guidelines, which include fair references to lesbians/gays/bisexuals... Under a comprehensive settlement approved July 30 by the Los Angeles Superior Court, bathhouses will remain open under a set of guidelines developed by a joint consortium of community educators and public health officials. The county D.A. and the Department of Health were trying to close two bathhouses; they were opposed by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund... The next Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project "Guess What?" ad urging readers to look beyond stereotypes will appear in *Time* magazine. The last ad ran in *People* and generated response from readers in 40 states and six countries... Info on the needs of gay/lesbian/bisexual youth can be obtained at a one-day conference at San Jose State University, Sept. 26, from 9-4 pm. Call (408) 924-2600 for details... San Francisco City College has appointed veteran gay journalist Paul Lorch Dean of Evening and Summer School. He's the first activist gay educator to serve in the academic/instructional branch of the college... The Filipino Task Force on AIDS raised $5,000 in the recent Ms. Gay Universe Pageant at the Palace of Fine Arts in June... Because of new congressional redistricting, openly gay Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) faces his toughest campaign. Under the plan, Studds loses 40 percent of his current constituents. "It's an uphill battle now," Studds said.

The New York Times *and AP also contributed to this report.*



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Brownie Mary (center), standing next to NAMES Project founder Cleve Jones, is applauded by over 500 people at the Marijuana for Health rally at City Hall, Aug. 8. She was recently arrested for making pot brownies for AIDS patients, to alleviate their suffering.

OPD...

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ing certain types of crime, homicide and drugs."

But somebody seems to have changed their mind about this agreement—if indeed there was an agreement. Meanwhile, ACE volunteers and the BCA are busy organizing an emergency meeting with Oakland city officials to find out just what went wrong.

Scott Halem suspects a minor mutiny occurred within the Oakland Police Department. Halem says that when Sgt. Roth and the other two officers confiscated the needles, Roth told him there had been verbal instructions from Chief Hart not to target ACE. But Halem adds that Roth told him that those instructions had been countermanded by Capt. James Cooper after consultation with Deputy Chief Robert Nichelini.

Deputy Chief Nichelini flatly denies there was any meeting last week to reverse or countermand policy. "I did discuss this problem with the chief because it was clear to me the police would be stuck in the middle. Therefore, we agreed not to do any arrests." He says if there is to be police action, there will have to be a crime report. "Obviously, if you create a crime report, you have to take the evidence."

In contrast, in San Francisco, the SFPD pointedly ignores the Prevention Point needle exchange, which often has lines of 30 or 40 exchangers at all four of its sites.

Bill Simpich, an attorney currently defending Halem against the Alameda district attorney, John Meehan, in another needle-exchange case in Berkeley, points out that any enforcement action involves a decision to act.

Simpich suspects the confiscation of ACE's syringes "is a political move," orchestrated by elements within the OPD and district attorney's office.

To be fair, Simpich points out that many of the street-based police are in favor of needle exchange —if only because it may reduce their risk of needle sticks. "But there is always that small group of ideologically based people who are convinced that any outward way of providing concrete support to IDUs, with needles or methadone, is the wrong message. We fought the methadone battle 20 years ago. Now we are fighting the battle with needles."

Halem is calling for a needle distribution support protest at ACE's West Oakland site next week. He hopes that Mayor Harris, AIDS outreach and education workers, activists and other public officials will attend.

ACE operates every Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm at the corner of 16th and Woods near the Amtrak station, in Oakland. ACE can be reached at (510) 287-8993.

open exchange

■ HELP WANTED

Gay-owned and operated lockshop in Oakland looking for locksmith. Nonsmoker, 25-35, good physical condition. Must have clean driving record for 3 years. Locksmith skill level may be variable, but must have excellent people skills, retail or service experience required. Glenview Key & Lock, 4195 Park Blvd, Oakland (510) 530-6141.

Young (20-35) male actors wanted for French/American gay play. Productions in Paris, NY, and SF. Call (415) 885-1045.

Two positions for African-American outreach. Full-time for HIV + support group and part-time for education. Detailed cover letter and resume to: BAHSES-Job Openings, 625 O'Farrell St, SF CA 94019. **No phone calls**

Organic Collective Food Store seeking part-time workers. Good communication skills preferred. Stocking & produce experience helpful. Women, people of color, gays, lesbians, bisexuals encouraged to apply. Inner Sunset Community Food Store, 1319 20th Ave. 664-5363.

Executive Director Nonprofit Lesbian/Gay Professional Association. Responsibilities: membership services, coordinating organizational activities, annual meeting, liaison w/other associations, newsletter, development. Salary DOE, generous benefits. Women, peple of color urged to apply. Send resume to AAPHR Search Committee, 2940 16th Street, #105, SF 94103, fax 255-4784.

Operations Assistant for AIDS svcs org to maintain supplies and equip., make basic repairs. Backup secretary/receptionist. CDL, bilingual (Eng/Span). Sal: 21K. Resumes by 8/19: Personnel, Shanti, 525 Howard St, SF CA 94105.

Psychotherapist: Contract position, providing ind., couples, group & workshops to HIV + persons & their significant others. A min. of 6 hrs/wk. Masters degree in related field req. + experience with HIV, lesbian/gay, family issues and working with multicultural populations. Persons of color encouraged to apply. $25/hr. Resumes by August 14 to: Mark Bronnenberg: Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF CA 94103.

Receptionist/Data Entry: Greets clients, data entry on accounting system, collects fees, answers phones, closes the clinic, general clerical tasks as needed. Prepares daily deposit and screens clients for crisis intervention and informational referral calls. Bilingual skills helpful. 40 hrs/wk, M-Th 12:30 pm-8:30 pm and Fri 10 am to 6 pm. 17-21K plus exc benefits. Open until filled. Resumes to: John Boyle, Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF CA 94103.

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant. H/A Free Clinic. HIV and Primary Care. Half-time. $22.5K. People of color encouraged. Resume to: George Dykstra, 558 Clayton, SF 94117.

Graphic Designer/Desktop Publisher. Permanent, part-time with possibility for full-time position. Mac trained, minimum 2 years experience. Magazine, newsletter experience a plus. Resume and samples to 2338 Market St, SF CA 94114. WOC encouraged.

Coordinator Youth Outreach: Plans, organizes, and directs outreach activities to gay and bi men under age 26 for **Stop AIDS Project**. ½ time, some nights & weekends, $14K + benefits. Education and/or 2 years experience in related field. Resume & letter of interest detailing qualifications by 5:00 pm August 14, 1992 to: Dan Wohlfeiler, Education Director, STOP AIDS Project, 201 Sanchez Street, San Francisco 94114-1613. No phone inquiries. Pre-recorded job description: Call 252-5347.

Counselor: 30 hour per week position for Forensic Day Tx services, adults with psych disorders. Requires BA/MS in Psychology or related field + experience with psych disabled/substance abuse preferred. $15,759/yr + exc benefits. Resumes to Baker Places, Inc (BT/DTXC) 2144 Hayes St, SF 94117. The disabled, sexual minorities & multicultural applicants are encouraged to apply. EOE.

Counselor/Clinical Supervisor: For Vocational Rehab unit and day treatment of a community mental health residential program. MS/BA in rehab counseling or psych experience with adults with severe psychiatric disorder and supervisory experience required. Full time $24,240/yr plus excellent benefits. Resumes to Baker Places, Inc (BT/VOCCS) Hayes ST, SF CA 94117. Multicultural, gay sensitive applicants encouraged to apply. EOE.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Facilitator Training for Women's Cancer Resource Center. Support group facilitators who have or have had cancer. Women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

Volunteers Needed: Support for women with cancer at Highland Hospital. Multilingual, women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

■ PARENTING

Co-Parenting/Recruiting: Seeking individuals and couples who are interested in forming/creating a household for the purpose of co-parenting one foster child (baby). Must be willing to cohabitate with 3 to 5 other adults and share childcare and household responsibilities (large flat or house most likely in the Richmond District or Mission District). One year commitment required. Love of self and love of children required. Sense of humor required. Mental health, emotional health and reasonable physical health required. If you are interested in being one of several "Moms" or "Dads" in such a household please call between 10 am-5 pm only, Monday through Friday and leave a message including your phone number(s) and the best time(s) to call you back. 386-4152.

Interested in being a daddy? 38-year-old Black lesbian professional seeks gay or bisexual men of all colors interested in co-parenting. Reply BT Box JY901A

Known donor seeks mom(s). Steve (415) 863-3353.

Single GWM, more suited to marriage and family than any gay lifestyle, seeks lesbian with similar goals for relationship centered on family and co-parenting. Reply BT Box JY903C

Man, 38, would like to be known donor! Let's talk! Box 426795, SF 94142.

Infertility Support Group: Explore and cope with various emotions and complications associated with prolonged pregnancy attempts. Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 835-8919.

■ MARRIAGE

Gay male couple with different citizenships, French & US, seeks lesbian couple of mixed citizenship for marriage of mutual convenience. Reply BT JY900B

Unconventional Marriage: Latin man, mid 30s, seeks American woman for marriage. Helpful if a little Spanish is known. Race, age, social status not important. Serious inquiries receive interesting proposal. Reply BT JY901C.

GWM seeks Dutch or French lesbian for marriage of convenience. Reply BT Box AG900A.

■ FOR SALE

Children's Books about gay and lesbian families and dealing with AIDS. $2.00 to Purple Crayon, 4110 Opal St, Oakland, 94609.

Erte—Wholesale prices. (415) 252-9683.

Gay Rainbow Mugs: Feature the six brilliant colors of the rainbow flag. Call 1-800-248-6847 ask for flyer #RB-B101.

Politically Correct T-Shirts: I Am Because We Are with pink triangle, **A Woman's Place Is In The House... And The Senate, Clinton Has Pride In America** with pink triangle. All T-shirts are heavy beefy cotton with black lettering. Sizes M-L-XL. For **immediate** delivery send ck/mo $14.95 plus $2 S/H. A donation will go to the **Maui AIDS Foundation** per shirt. Oasis, 1295 South Kihei Road. Suite #2805, Kihei, Hawaii 96753.

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■ SPORTS & GAMES

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Women's Football. **To play call Michelle 282-4232**.

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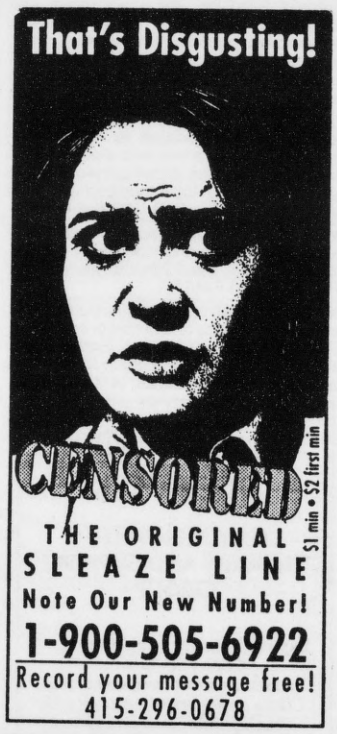

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You're in high heels and stockings, bent over and handcuffed to a table, while one of us fucks with your ass and the other one fucks with your head. You're not so high and mighty now, are you, Missy? Squirming won't help you, although it might entertain us. You're helpless, so you might as well just give in (don't have much choice, do you?) while we have our way with you—spanking, fondling, groping, whipping, probing and fucking your ass. But don't worry, we'll be kind to you—if we feel like it. Relax. Your ass trusts us more than you do; your ass has good instincts. Come on, baby, you know you really want it. Call or write and we'll get together to talk about limits, safety, likes and dislikes. Reply BT Box AG7A or call ★★9287.

Fat 'N Sassy
Strong butch interior/pretty femme exterior. BiWF, auburn hair, green eyes, Aries/Scorpio/Sagittarius. Passionate about sex, politics, music, satisfying the senses—Life! Seeking a woman who is secure, confident, ambitious, generous and romantic. I am smart, verbal, oral, fun, energetic and fiery. Together we will fuel the flames of each other's emotions, passions, moods and bodies. Strong preference for 28-38-year-olds w/dark hair/dark eyes, moody artists, writers or musicians. Extra points for Taureans, Libras or Sagittarians. Reply BT Box AG8A or call ★★9288.

Do The Stars With Me...
I'm a butchly romantic, revolutionary type dyke who dreams deeply, passionately believes in wiping out racism, capitalism, et al., from existence; loves driving along the coast in a beat-up pick-up listening to loud, poetic, emotion-filled music; is drawn to the S/M side of sex at this time; can't follow scripts for anything; needs lots of laughter & playing; believes that smashing windows is better than accepting injustice; wants a girlfriend to bring wildflowers to; wants a girlfriend who agrees the upper class should not exist and respects the working class; wants a girlfriend to do the stars with... Reply BT Box AG9A or call ★★9289.

Wanted: East Bay Lesbian Couples (Contra Costa County)
Are there any out there? Lesbian couple, early 30s, would like to meet other couples for socializing. We enjoy movies, BBQ, animals, bowling, music, games, swimming or just chatting. If any of these sound like fun, then let's get together. No drugs or heavy drinkers please. Reply BT Box AG10A.

I'm 34, tall I know, attractive I guess, read like a fiend, also write and paint, big weakness for poetry and femmes, normal with abnormal flair, cynical with faith, love the gym but like couch potatoes. Looking to meet new women for coffee, movies, good music, dates or friends. I'm somewhat shy, was in long-term relationship, just sticking my toes out after over a year. I don't drink but unfortunately started smoking again. Got a dog and a job. How about you? Call ★★9290.

Reading Comprehension Skills?
One more time. Please pay attention, refer to a dictionary if necessary. I'm a cute butch. You're a cute femme. I'm 5'3". You're under 5'3". You're petite (look it up). We are both: over 30, employed, monogamous, intelligent, honest, autonomous (look it up), humorous, and easygoing. I'm a nondrinker. You do not have major issues to process or behavioral disorders to recover from. (415) area only. No wannabes. Call ★★9291.

Pursuit Of Happiness
Single bi woman, relatively inexperienced, interested in meeting single women (without boyfriends) to date and hopefully get serious with. I love intelligent women with short hair that know their own minds. I am 26 years old, 5'5", have short brown hair/brown eyes and wear glasses. I'm a student at SF State studying creative writing, and a cat owner. I'll be waiting on your call. Call ★★9292.

Reluctant Romantic
Seeks unpretentious, independent thinker for dating, sex and whatever else might seem right. Me: 5'8", 30, long brown hair, NS, more butch than femme, politically aware and sometimes active. I'm too dykey for straights and too conventional looking for queers, but rigid thinking comes in many guises. I am a quiet, shy bookworm and an originally funny, enthusiastic cynic. We agree that life is too short for television. Movies, plays, readings, coffee, low-budget meals, ocean walks, hiking, bars, drinking, dancing can all be fun. Call ★★9293.

Here's What I Want...
You can say what you want in a forthright manner. You take charge of your own physical, emotional and spiritual health. You have a sense of humor and are awed by life's possibilities. You can appreciate an attractive, brilliant, kind, 43-year-old psychotherapist-in-training with strong literary and social justice interests who sees the world as full of adventure and opportunity. Come on... Call ★★9294.

A Regular Girl
I identify with gainfully employed lesbians. I like dating women who give you some room to breathe. I love to play my electric guitar, cook, sail and read a lot to stay smart. I like exploring new places and I like my ritual also. I like people to be responsible for their own stuff and keep the analysis to a healthy minimum. I like women who are all in proportion (like me) and who don't flinch at the idea of occasionally wearing lipstick. I am joyous in the regular events of life. I don't have a tattoo. Call ★★9295.

Late Summer Romance?
Better late than never! If you're not too serious, not too frivolous—if you like Mission cafes and dancing poorly and talking politics and driving down to the beach at night—let's meet! I'm a writer/activist; playful and intelligent but a bit shy; bi, blonde and 28. You? Reply BT Box AG11A or call ★★9296.

Your Ass Is Mine
Girls: I have a serious ass fetish that I'm just dying to get satisfied. If you'd like to have a dark, voluptuous, nasty-minded, white-girl slut pay attention to your ass for hours at a time, then read on. I'd like to do any or all of the following to you: look at and admire your ass; make you show it off to me in various positions and stages of dress and undress; make you bend over my knee, bend over my furniture, or get down on all fours with your ass stuck high in the air; fondle and squeeze and hump your butt like a dog while you wriggle and squirm and plead for more; spank, paddle, whip and flog you until your cheeks are bright red and burning; and, of course, fuck you up the ass, long and hard and nasty, until you melt. I don't care about your race, age, butch/femmity, or build (although I am somewhat partial to voluptuous women), as long as you have a nice, juicy ass and are comfortable with the concept of talking about sex on the first date and doing it on the second. Light S/M is definitely on the itinerary; heavy S/M, other kinds of sex, and switching are also possibilities. We could have a one-night stand or do it over and over again, but a serious relationship is out of the question. Any queer gals whose butts have been tingling for the last minute or so, please reply to BT Box AG12A or call ★★9297. Please, no curiosity seekers or women in monogamous relationships (I don't want to be the one you cheat on your sweetie with). No men.

Friendship And Golf....
Are you in your late-40s to mid-50s, discreet professional who finds your circle of GF friends limited? Me too—don't smoke, drink or do drugs? Me neither—do you love golf and would you like to get together and play a round? Me too, so call. Call ★★9298.

Like Me
You are finally ready. You have dealt with your family of origin and past lover issues. You are: emotionally healthy, honest and available; cuddly, affectionate and tall (over 5'9"); approaching 40 and magically embrace new experiences with friends with the same wonder as you did at age 12. You adore: fresh cut flowers, English gardens, picnics, the *Sunday Times* and the lingering melodies of Tuck & Patti and Nancy Wilson. Let's meet and share our wonder, smiles, the music and anything else we can imagine. Please send letter. Reply BT Box AG13A or call ★★9299.

Deep And Lasting Friendships
I'm an attractive, feminine lady looking to form lasting bonds with other feminine women. I am warm, sincere and caring. I also still believe good friends can last forever. I enjoy laughing from the heart, sharing our inner thoughts and dreams. I also enjoy biking, cooking, gambling and birds, to name a few. If you too have been looking for someone to form a real friendship with, please call. Let's talk. Call ★★9300.

Cutiepie Available
(My ex-lover's lover thinks I am.) 39-year-old lesbian (looks 30), 5'3" and slender, Jewish and ex-NYer (says something about my sensibilities), seeks chemistry and more with a warm, intelligent (but not elitist), attractive, sensual, financially stable woman with a good sense of humor and integrity. My interests include working out/making out, films, long walks/hikes, comedy, music/dancing (mostly rock-oriented), eating (mostly healthy). No smokers/substance abusers. Please be desirous of personal growth and strive to be emotionally open. Prefer very soft butch types and the intrinsically rather than extrinsically sophisticated. Reply BT Box AG14A or call ★★9301.

Show Me The Ropes
Outwardly friendly, inwardly shy, quirky, stable SF lesbian in her mid-30s, seeks patient, sensitive, funny friend to teach me about S/M. I'm looking for someone to make me laugh, think & transcend myself, someone who will welcome my being smart & stupid at the same time. Call ★★9302.

Pay Attention To Me!
30 y.o., blue-eyed, androgynous, butch of center, financially stable, physically and intellectually active, emotionally intense, artistic, original and versatile woman wants you to: talk to me; listen to me; share your books with me (I'll give them back); visit me (but leave your suitcase at home); make me laugh; dance with me; try new things and meet new people with me; worship my body and revere my mind. Short of that, have coffee with me. If the chemistry is right (ingredients: tall(ish), slender woman with great hands, a generous mouth and eyes which are lucid and unafraid to meet the passion in mine), I would love to pay attention to you. No drugs/heavy drinkers. Call ★★9303.

This Is The Only Way You Can Meet Me
I am: very attractive, educated, humorous, 36, soft athletic butch; fascinating and fun to be around. You are: very attractive; have worked on self growth; warm and nurturing; want the finer things that life has to offer; expect a lot and give a lot; can't resist feeling superior at times; and gravitate toward joy and happiness. Call ★★9304.

Wanted: Sane And Honest Femme
Is this possible? You can't prove it by my dating record. In one year I've seen it all. I'm 37, 5'3", cute butch top, average/muscular build, Silicon Valley professional, easygoing, humorous, non-drinker, green eyes, brown/silver hair, into living life. You're petite, 30+, communicative, employed, sensual, loving, looking for someone special, and one lover is enough for you. If you can relate, please call and end this nightmare. Call ★★9305.

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A community group of lesbians and gay men who are seeking a co-parent or known donor situation or simply wish to discuss the possibilities. We meet on the second Sunday of the month for a potluck and discussion. We are about 50-50 men and women, East Bay and San Francisco. Call ★★9348.

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emasculate conception
EMOTIONS ARE TURBULENT AS CLARICE AND TONI BEGIN THEIR FIFTH ROUND OF INSEMINATION.
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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STARTED OVULATING A DAY EARLY! FOR THE LAST YEAR YOU'VE BEEN LIKE CLOCKWORK! I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE WE GET A REFUND IF THE SPERM DOESN'T GET HERE IN TIME!
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I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY I'M NOT THE PERFECT CO-PARENT-TO-BE! ALL THE TIMING AND WAITING AND HOME PREGNANCY TESTS ARE STRESSING ME OUT TOO. AND I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT THE MONEY AT A HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE BUCKS A POP!
BZZZT!
THAT MUST BE POP NOW.
GREAT! IT'S ONLY SIX O'CLOCK. WE CAN DO IT AND STILL GET TO OUR BABY GROUP ON TIME. YOU GO LIE DOWN. I'LL GET EVERYTHING READY.
SO HOW MANY TIMES IS THIS? YOU TWO MUST BE SHELLING OUT THE DOUGH.
DON'T THEY EVER CHANGE YOUR ROUTE?
THIS END UP
IT'S HERE! UNH! I'M GONNA THAW IT OUT!
REMEMBER TO DOUBLE-CHECK THE DONOR NUMBER...
ACME SPERM BANK
LIQUID NITROGEN
CLUNK!
YEOW!
...AND BE CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE CONTAINER WITH YOUR BARE HANDS.
OH, NO! I FORGOT, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING FOOD TO THE GROUP TONIGHT.
SHIT! WELL, WE CAN STOP AND GET SOME KIND OF TAKEOUT. WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY, THOUGH. ARE YOU READY?
OH, CLARICE! I DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE LIKE THIS!
TONI, IT'S NO BIG DEAL! SARAH AND LOUISE BRING TAKEOUT ALL THE TIME!
NO, I MEAN THIS! I WANTED IT TO BE SPECIAL AND ROMANTIC, NOT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO SQUEEZE IN BEFORE RACING OUT OF THE HOUSE!
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Long-term lesbian couple looking for another long-term lesbian couple with some foreign travel experience who would like to join us on a walk from Holland to the Mediterranean. We would like a commitment of six months though the actual walk may take less time than this. We hope to start in April 1993. Reply BT Box AG600A.

"Focus"
I'm looking for a gay man who shares my interest in "Focusing." If you have been trained in the Gendlin process, write or call. Reply BT Box AG601A or call ★★9349.

I Think I'm Turning Japanese
I really think so. Japanese-American professional guy trying to learn Japanese would like to meet fluent speakers or others interested in Japanese language and culture for friendship and conversation practice. Let's get together. Reply BT Box AG602A or call ★★9350.

Astrology Socials For Women
Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★9351. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

East Bay Cycling Buddy Sought
For Wed./Sun. rides in the Berk./Oakl. hills and occasional longer trips (Marin, Sonoma, South Bay). I like a physical challenge but no competitive games, relaxed with body, capable of friendship, tired of doing athletic stuff alone, or having to go to SF. I'm 34, good shape, intelligent, fun and in relationship. Call if you're tired of cycling by yourself, too, and let's connect. Reply BT Box AG603A or call ★★9352.

Ex-Military Veterans
Ex-Army woman would like to meet other women from other armed services to discuss life on the outside, since you left military, especially if you need help adjusting to outside civilian world. Would like to cover issues, i.e., homosexuality,

bi
bisexual

Clap Your Hands
If you believe in faeries. Sweet, salacious & somewhat silly bi-boy looking for playmates. I'm kinda skinny, have angelic looking hair & a cute little butt. My current hobbies include public places, light bondage & latex, but I'm looking to expand my horizons. Age/race/gender not important. East Bay preferred, couples esp. sought. East Bay couples ideal. Reply BT Box AG300A or call ★★9325.

Cuddling Partner Sought
Not looking for sex. Just someone to hold and be held by in a friendly, nurturing embrace. It's relaxing and reassuring not to have to worry about sex. Just hold each other, talk and day-dream. I'm a man in late 30s, intelligent, interested in arts, biking, music, cooking, etc. Seek man or woman, any age. Reply BT Box AG301A or call ★★9326.

Single BiWM, 28
Seeking bi woman for relationship, ballet, pop music, long walks, philosophy, history. I prefer women 25-30 in the East Bay. Please respond to PO Box 6111, Moraga 94570.

Traditional Values Suck!
BiWM, queer, pro-feminist, pro-choice, anti-racist, activist. Verbal, energetic, fun. Clean-cut, shoulder-length, curly hair. Passionate about politics, life, sex. Love alternative music, art, movies, reading, writing, thinking, adventure. Seek queer female (bi preferred), any race, adventurous, confident, independent, passionate, thinking, irreverent, nonsmoking. Let's talk about, enjoy and appreciate or criticize everything. Reply BT Box AG302A or call ★★9327.

Vita Seeking Harold
Let's co-paint a Portrait of a Marriage—but not a sexless one! Intense, zany woman, mid-30s, bisexual, seeks bona fida bisexual man for devoted but flexible bond. Straight men bore the bejesus out of me. Looking for wit, tenderness and fire in a grown up man with a sense of both responsibility and the absurd. Someone who relishes a delicious conundrum: the man/woman in me and himself. Caution: Seeking partner/playmate, not plaything. Reply BT Box AG303A or call ★★9328.

A Dyke And Her Dog
Overly busy pet owner seeks like-minded gyrls and butches to help me train my dog. I'm a mean and twisted femmey-butch bi-dyke. Dog is a fag perv pain-pig. You (singular or plural) are females by birth or choice and queer-identified. The deal: You and I beat him, cut him, pierce him and/or fuck him from both ends while he barks, whines and howls for mercy. All too soon I'll have to go to work or a meeting, but if you are happy and Dog is miserable, I'll leave him in your custody. Return the pieces when you are done. We play safely and consensually. HIV status is irrelevant. Reply BT Box AG304A or call ★★9329.

Conventional Wisdom Says:
There's no such thing as a bisexual. You've got to choose between one or the other. Oh yeah, my friend tried that once too. They're just looking for a plaything. She's just doing it for him. These things just never work out. You can't love two people at the same time. Who makes up this conventional wisdom stuff? Get beyond the myths. Call ★★9330.

Double Your Pleasure
We are looking for an intelligent, bisexual man, 35-45, who is fun and exciting to be with, and who is looking for a sexy, special triadic relationship. We are a white, bisexual male, 38, 5'11" (looks like Omar Shariff), and a white female, 40, 5'7". We are both professionals, so discretion is a must. Explore friendship with us and maybe your fantasies. She could give your cute rump a spanking and he will kiss it all better. PO Box 7957, Stockton 95267 or call ★★9331.

I Don't Really See...
... Why can't we go on as three?! Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. Let's look into developing a friendship, with an eye to the possibility of an equal partnership in fully integrated, committed, triadic relationship. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★9332.

Trapped In One's Mind
Your emotions say you want it, but your mind doesn't think it's possible—hence you won't even try, or you make a weak attempt and give up. You are a bisexual woman and your soul wants to love both women and men, yet your rational mind has always forced you to choose one. You are a free thinker when it comes to your career, social issues, politics, etc., yet you shortchange yourself of life's potential by not exploring alternative relationships that might open up new horizons for you. Explore these issues with a loving, dynamic, multifaceted female/male couple around 30. No commitment and no sales-(wo)man will call, but don't put it off anymore! Remember, what you try may fail—but what you don't try fails automatically... Call ★★9333.

loneliness. This is strictly a social group setting. No sexual involvement. Reply BT Box AG604A.

Nam Myoho Renge Kyo
BiAM, 29, 4 year member, seeking other gay/lesbian/bisexual Nichiren Shoshu members to practice with in the SF area. Peninsula and East Bay also OK. I have a large living area for meetings, socials & potlucks. Call ★★9353.

Dykes With Dogs
Single? Have a dog? Don't, but want to hang out with single dykes that do? Informal group starting to get together for walks in San Francisco, probably Glen Park or Fort Funston. It should be dog heaven and maybe even dyke paradise. Call ★★9354.

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Jock Sucker
Horny straight, bi or masculine gay guys who enjoy great head but are particular about appearance of the giver, then this ad's for you. The giver is a healthy, HIV-, masculine, bearded, sports-minded, straight-acting, divorced bi who thinks it's better to give than receive. Send facial photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★9378. Live in South Bay but will travel for right guy.

Philo, Anyone?
GWM, 29 y.o., 165 lbs., 5'6", black hair, cleanshaven, with a hairy bod. Newly relocated oenology-wannabe seeks to meet gay men in the Anderson Valley for socializing. I prefer well-integrated, intelligent, fun, honest, warm and adventuresome guys to hang out with. I have a wide range of interests: music, reading, writing, cooking, hiking, beachcombing, movies, etc. I'm always open to new adventures. Platonic as well as romantic encouraged to respond! PO Box 592, Philo CA 95466.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians
Loving, caring GWM, 37, sincere, honest, healthy, seeks slim, cleanshaven Asian guy who is also loving, caring, sincere, honest, healthy, for companionship and hopefully lasting relationship. I am 6', 180 lbs., with soft brown hair and hazel eyes. I currently reside on East Coast (Virginia) but am hoping to relocate to San Francisco. Please reply with detailed letter and photo. Reply BT Box AG70A.

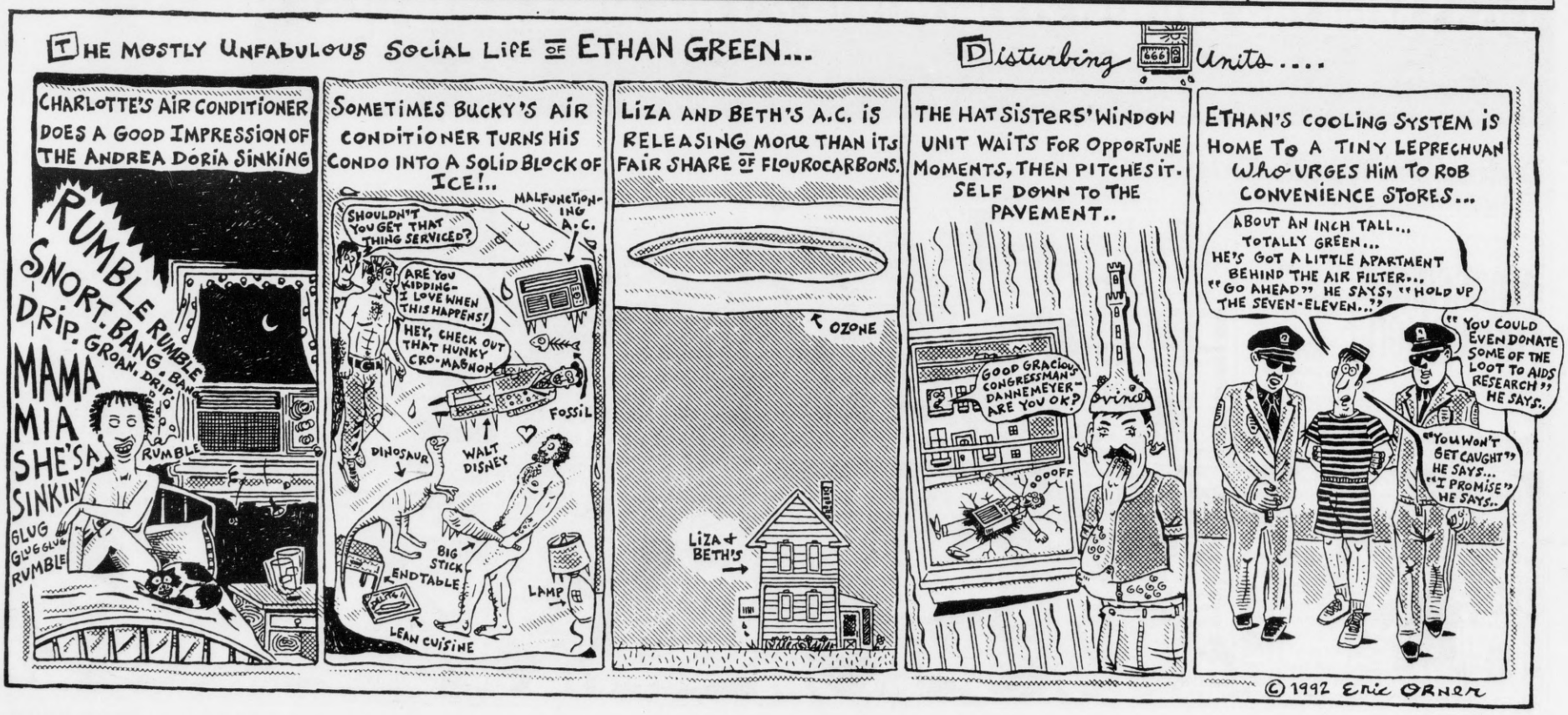
Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

GWM Seeks GAM
Life is more meaningful when we're together. You are 25 to 45, HIV-, nonsmoker, not overweight. I'm 42, 5'9", 145 lbs., good-looking, HIV-. I want to be in a monogamous relationship with a guy who is honest, caring and wants to establish a long-term relationship. I am a successful professional, but it's meaningless without you. Let's talk and if the chemistry's right... Reply BT Box AG71A.

Exhausted
The joy of living left my life when the guy I loved ran off with someone else. I've tried everything since, from psychiatry to self-hypnosis, and have exhausted the ways of having sex by myself. But there's no substitute for the "real thing." Among my disadvantages: I'm a 56 y.o. WASP, not considered handsome, certainly not "buffed"; I prefer persons different from myself (Asians, A/A, SEAsians, etc.), and I'm more sensitive to exploitation than formerly. Among my advantages: I'm stable, employed, generous, literate, nonsmoker, healthy, not "PC," and a true romantic. As for interests, there are few things I absolutely can't stand, but disco is one of them. I've heard all my life there are some young men who genuinely like older guys, but have yet to connect with one. If you fit the description, and aren't looking for a Blake Carrington, write. Reply BT Box AG72A or call ★★9379.

Like Leather But Not S/M?
Leather daddy, late 40s, bearded, trim, distinguished, salt & pepper, 6', seeks shorter, slim boy under 30. You have fantasized about having such a relationship but have been afraid of the S/M connotations. Relax—this daddy isn't into pain, just lots of TLC, daddy-boy stuff and maybe a little light B&D if the boy likes it. Definitely into leather and leather lifestyle. You should like giving head, letting daddy take charge. I am a patient, loving teacher. Call ★★9380.

Anything Goes...
GWM, 44, dark hair, beard, brown eyes, big-hearted Italian. Enjoy theater, music, movies, books, travel, kids, family, friends, food and fun. Looking for a grown-up relationship to add the needed romantic touch to a full and often happy life. I'm warm, sincere, communicative, passionate, strong, successful, healthy and generous. You're the same and want the same. And more. So let's be each other's greatest romancer. Reply BT Box AG73A or call ★★9381.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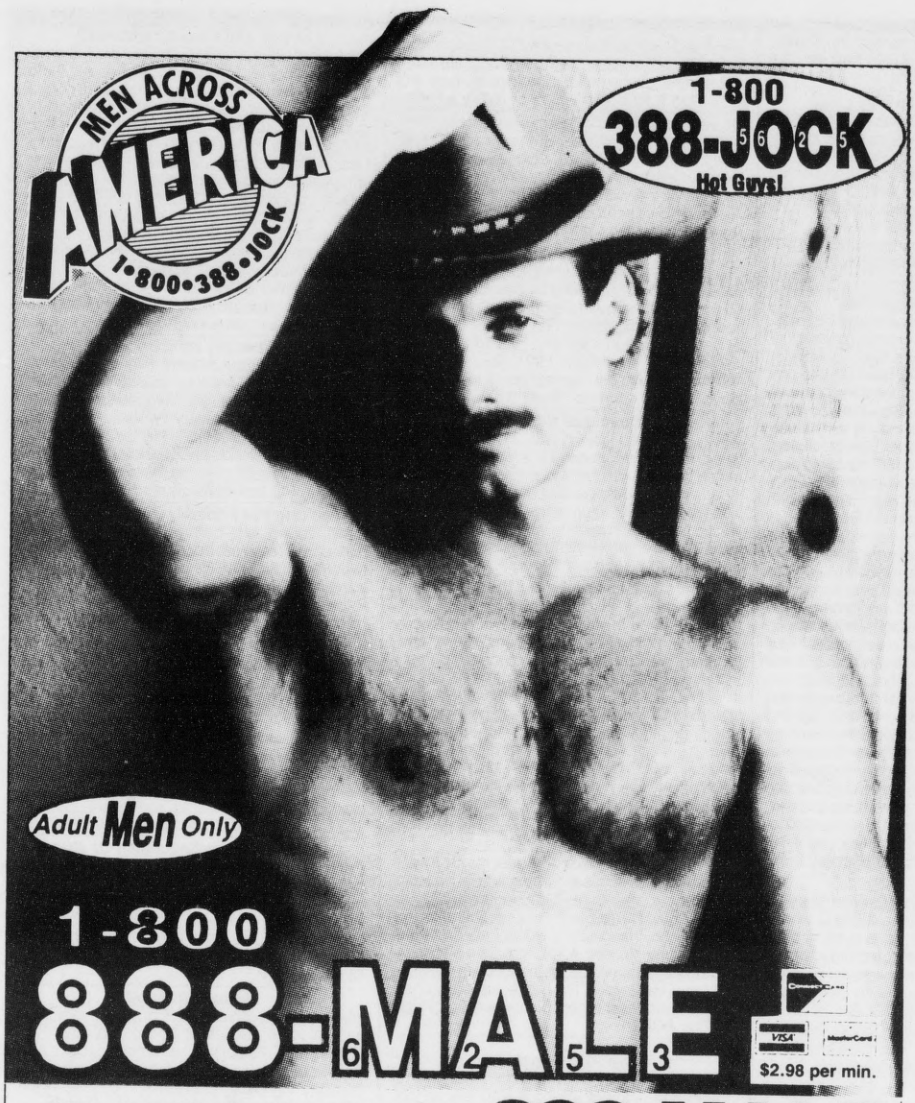

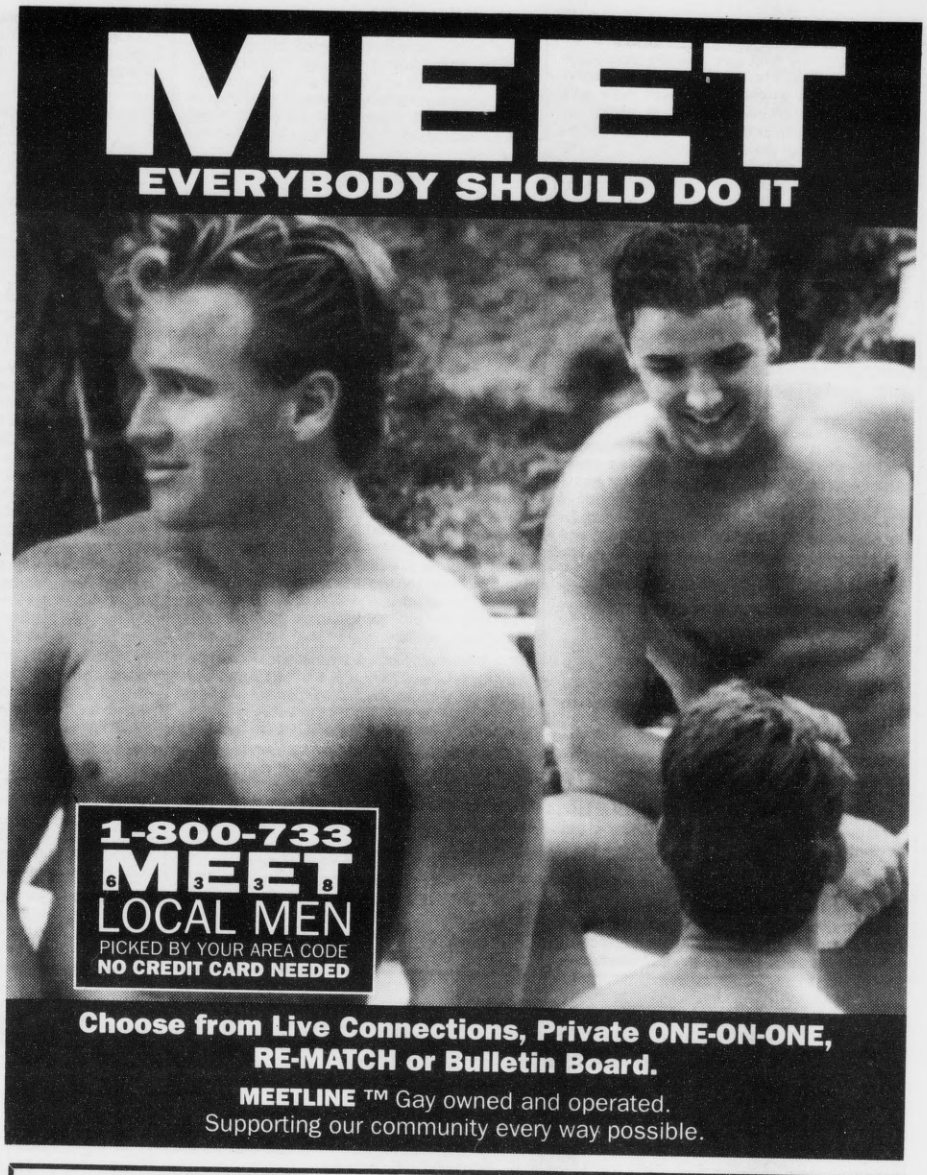
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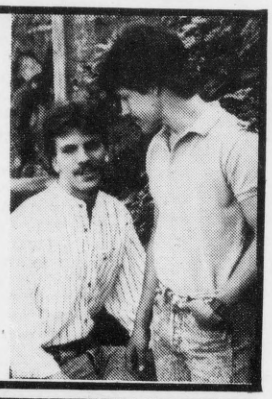

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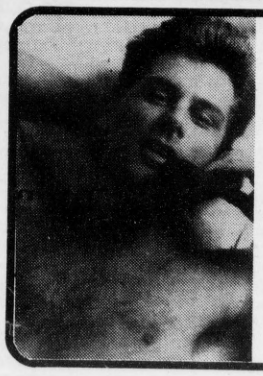

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Gigantic
That describes my fantasy man. He's very tall and large-framed and would make me feel kid sized! He'd pick me up, cradle me in his massive arms, let me climb all over him exploring and arousing his huge body. If you're my Paul Bunyan, my Amazing Colossal Man, and are seeking a cute, boyish, 34 y.o. little guy, 5′11″, 165#, red/brown hair, a nice body and a beautiful cock, then write. Reply BT Box AG75A or call ★★9383.

Castro Erotics?
Looking for some good times and erotics among the rest of life's activities, such as work; live music (mostly acoustic); movies; hiking; reading history, mysteries and sci-fi; and, of course, romance! GWM, 43 y.o., 5′4″, 140#, blue-eyed, blond, living in the Castro area. Am healthy, HIV+, versatile in bed and enjoy same with a partner. How about a massage exchange to get acquainted or...? Please reply Reply BT Box AG76A or call ★★9384, expect a quick response.

Masculine Italian
6′2″, dark hair & eyes, husky build, young 40s, smoker, good-looking, moustache, hairy chest, healthy HIV+. Good positive outlook on life. Possess an inner adventurous child. Down-to-earth type. Successful. Seeking a slim, masculine man who is uncomplicated, happy, tolerant, versatile & romantic. A few of my interests include traveling, remodeling, carpentry, gardening, socializing & fast cars. Possible monogamous relationship. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★9385.

Man For All Seasons
Very good-looking, masculine, bl/bl, 6′1″, 180, athletic, 30-yr.-old, outdoor enthusiast. Looking for dating/relationship with man 25-45, who's solid & comfortable with self. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, 4x4 extended weekends, snow, kink, scuba, cooking, sex, clouds, evenings at home, cycling, arts, w/o, rain, cuddling, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, imagination, stars, optimism, romance, honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share again. Photo please (will return). Reply BT Box AG77A or call ★★9386.

"Father Knows Best"
Average, tall, GWM, 44, 190#, with gut, 'stache, grey temples, glasses, HIV-, smoker, social cocktailer, high roller in business. More than average in personality, brains & dick, art-inclined, zany ("I Married Joan"/Lucy), charismatic, orally inclined with the magic. Looking for tall GWM, 24-34, with pizazz, who can take on life with a bang, for being wined, dined, and socially dated—write Box 213, 109 Minna St., SF 94105.

Massage Junkie
Seeks warm buns to rub. You: slender to average, skin hungry, and bottom. Me: warm, funny, great hands, top. Rest your sore muscles on my table at the River. Send photo and description. I'm 38, blond, blue, 145 & 5′8″. Loosen up. PO Box 471, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★9387.

Napa Valley Round Two
I'm looking for the love of my loins. Can you be him? GWM, 30, blond & blue & all too true, 6 ft. and trim with a California grin. The man I seek is far from meek, unintentionally masculine with a trim physique. I am not a trick, so don't waste my rhyme. If you think you're slick, drop me your line. HIV- only and a photo would be great. PO Box 515, Napa 94559.

Tall, Dark & Handsome
So they tell me. GWM, 29, 6′6″, 215, brn hair, green eyes, masculine, HIV-, professional. I have a great life; own a home in the valley (80 miles east of SF), great job, beautiful golden retriever, etc. But single. I enjoy: progressive music, boating, weekend getaways, the gym, walks, evenings at home watching "Star Trek—The Next Generation" or "Murphy Brown." If you're 20 to 33, fit, good-looking and sincere, let's talk. Call ★★9388.

A Handsome Thai Male
Is available to a special GWM! Hi! I am 35, 5′8″, 170#, and a collegiate, guy-next-door type with a hard, silky bod. Huggable and beddable. A tennis player and a software professional. I seek a high-achieving GWM. He is 30-45, athletic, cleanshaven, and an incurable romantic. Please respond to Boxholder 128, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★9389.

Fit In My Lap?
Bearded, gym-going, attractive academic, 5′10″, 168, br/br, Clinton's age, seeks quality cuddling with fine-boned, high-toned younger guy. Likes: smooth skin, coffeehouses, small feet, big hearts, Susie Bright, Gary Wills, "Heathers," green-eyed Thais, boyish bods, Cuomo speeches, sleeping like spoons, acting like loons, "NY Review of Books," role-reversals, winning a Nobel Prize, you purring in my thighs. Reply BT Box AG78A or call ★★9390.

Moonlight And Magnolias
This has to be the greatest scandal of all times. How can such a great catch remain uncaught? Well, sad to say it's true. He's been looking for that one man who will turn his love life into one of "moonlight and magnolias" for some time with little luck. A puzzlement, yes? So, what about this guy? Well, I can tell you that he's a very handsome WM, thirties, dark auburn hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, 180 lbs., and 6′ tall. He takes care of himself, has great skin, a wonderful smile, is in good shape and a regular exerciser. Born in the South, he has good manners. Grand sense of humor. He's happy. HIV-. So, what's he like to do? Well, lots of things, but here are a few examples: rides his bike, hikes in the hills, visits the Natural History Museum, likes to go on picnics and C/W dance. He's affectionate, romantic and a great kisser to boot. Steamy sensuality will drive him crazy, as will another great kisser. Like everyone else, he has a low tolerance for a few things, including drugs, cigarettes and excessive alcohol. The man most likely to make him swoon would be another good-looking WM, around 30-40, in good shape with a nice smile. He'd be truthful and caring, another die-hard romantic who craves affection. Just a regular cute guy not afraid to show emotion. I know he'd appreciate a thoughtful, detailed letter describing yourself. A returnable photo would be most appreciated. What's holding you back? Each day you delay is a day you can't spend with him! Reply BT Box AG79A or call ★★9391.

Handsome, Hunky, Peninsula Men Wanted
By a somewhat shy 32-year-old GWM who is 6′2″, 180, with brown hair, blue eyes, a short beard and enjoys hiking, biking, motorcycles and weekend trips to the mountains. We are both masculine, stable, upbeat guys who are HIV-, nonsmokers, light drinkers and not into bars. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★9392.

35-year-old GWM, professional engineer, 5′9″, 150 lbs., grn/brn, ND, NS, HIV-, seeks bright GM, mid-20s to mid-30s, for companionship and possible relationship. Enjoy swimming workouts, jazz, C&W and swing dancing, bicycling, noodle houses, political discussions, cats, Macintoshes, travel. Please send photo/letter. Reply BT Box AG80A.

Tall GWM, 34, enjoys art, theater, politics, hiking & being outdoors. Looking for new friends, dates (& if it's right) serious relationship. Prefer smart, reasonably fit, inquisitive men, 25 to 35. Physically I'm 6′4″, weigh 190, avg.-nice-looking, with brown hair & blue eyes. HIV-. Sexually I'm attracted to versatile, smooth-bodied, youthful guys. Photos returned. Reply BT Box AG81A.

Shave You Smooth?
Masculine, good-looking WM, 31, 6′1″, 180 lbs., seeks similar WMs in need of a haircut. I get turned on by men with flattops, crewcuts or shaved heads and have clippers and razors ready for my first time shaving experience. I'm especially attracted to meet someone with long hair who is willing to go all the way and be videotaped. Let's see if you can make the final cut. Call ★★9393.

Let's 2-Step Into Each Other's Life
Me: Handsome, 43 y.o. Cauc. professional, 6′1″, 190 lbs., fair, moustache & stubble, great body (swim, work out), atypical-secure, warm, considerate, giving, extremely affectionate. You: very handsome in a rugged, masculine (& yet tender) way, mid-late 30s, Caucasian, unattached, facial hair (beard?!), dark features, lean physique, no piercings, together, romantic, supportive, extremely affectionate. Us: home & relationship-oriented, but also into travel & diverse shared interests, unusually decent, down-to-earth, non-ghettoized types, ND, NS, HIV-. I hear the music. Shall we dance? Spare photo? Reply BT Box AG82A.

"Only Pure Gold For The Hearts Of Fire"
A very attractive Mestizo boy with a beautiful smile and a smooth, well-defined body; 27 yrs. old; blk/brn; 140 lbs; 5′7″; HIV-; is searching for a steady boyfriend who's emotionally and mentally mature; sincere; loyal; romantic; monogamous; compassionate; under 30; cute; fun to be with; and free to love. For guaranteed response, please send most recent picture w/letter. Reply BT Box AG83A.

Love And Happiness
Warm, caring guy in wheelchair, working for Justice Department and going to law school, seeks adventurous, intelligent, spiritual guy with high self-esteem to enjoy love and happiness, as well as a fulfilling and exciting life. I have a speech impediment, but I'm very communicative, friendly and sensual. I love enjoying life to the fullest, and I know that that special person and I will have a dynamite time together. If your life is together, and you are not afraid of a fulfilling commitment with somebody who has a physical disability, let's meet and make it happen. Call ★★9394.

Inner Beauty Essential
Caring, classical musician/teacher, "INFP" artist-type, healthy mind/body, seeks devoted partner who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, integrity, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, secure, compassionate, unconditional, non-egocentric, balance, love of self/others/beauty, philosophical, young at heart, spontaneous. Enjoy: talking, psychology, shared experiences, music(-making), dining, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring. GWM, young 44, 123#. Willing to relocate. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★9395.

Real Man Seeks GAM/GWM
Warm, honest, masculine teacher offers joy, passion, intimacy and commitment—and seeks no less—with a guy I can love deeply, permanently, often and well. I'm tough/tender, still new to gay life, rather hetero/Midwestern in demeanor. Unattracted to bars, sex clubs, silly boys. I'm 38, 6′, 180-something, 19 cm, moustache, trim beard, very hairy, butch-handsome, funny, bright, creative. When I dream about you, your eyes are dark and warm, you are small enough to fit in my arms and your ways are gently masculine. You are ready and unafraid, mature in mind, boyish at heart—a man with integrity and a sweet spirit. Sexually we are hot, versatile and safe (HIV-). But more important... the quiet talk in the night, my arms around you safe and secure—because real men don't leave. Please, no addictions to drugs, tobacco, sex, religion, gyms, ex-boyfriends or Mama. I'm not seeking a dozen one-nighters, just one man for one lifetime. Photo/letter preferred. Trust. I'm real. Reply BT Box AG84A or call ★★9396.

Husky, Hot, Horny!
GWM, late 40s, 6′1″, 270 lbs., 48″ waist, cleanshaven, good-looking, seeks recreational daytime sex, FrA/P, versatile, WS, willing to experiment, love to sit around naked watching porno. Any age, race, size. Kissing & licking a plus. Anywhere in Bay Area. PO Box 31754, SF 94131. Let's get naked & do it soon! Write now!

Spanking Stepdad Wanted
Sincere WM, youthful 42, 6′2″, 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-, seeks warm-hearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit, attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with no sex! In letter please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Love In The Time Of Cholera?
Somewhat shy yet lovelorn 29-year-old Mexican-American looking to meet men between 27 and 34 for laughs, perhaps love. A grad student pursuing a teaching credential, other turn-ons include: Point Reyes hikes, symphony concerts, foreign films, Bakers of Paris pastries, jazz, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, dinners a deux, bicycle rides, olives in a martini glass. Am enthralled with SF but thinking of moving north in a few years. 'S Wonderful if you enjoy some of these things, are happy, a kindly soul, keep a positive disposition and have direction. Even better if you're a fellow Latin, European or African-American who might be HIV+ as I am (completely asymptomatic). Don't be shy! Reply BT Box AG85A or call ★★9397.

The Guy Next Door
36-yr.-old Irish-Italian descent. Friendly personality. I like people, animals, music, thrift stores, sports, etc. People tell me I'm good-looking, with a guy-next-door personality. I work hard and play hard. I am in shape, 5′10″, 150 lbs., brown hair & eyes. I love blonds and redheads, blue eyes a plus. They usually like me. Write note and give phone #. PO Box 5184, Santa Rosa 95402.

Looking For Friends, Open To More
GAM, 20 yrs. old, college student, 5′6″, with handsome features, bottom, desires GWM between 20-35 yrs. old, for friendship or more. I like socializing, movies, sports and passionate sex. Photo please (will return). Reply BT Box AG86A or call ★★9398.

The Good Life
Is simple: love yourself, love others. Find balance and enjoy your "process." Life is paradoxical: the more you give, the more you receive. Joy that transcends is found within yourself and can be deepened when shared with a soulmate. I enjoy talking psychology, shared experiences, music(-making), dining, animals, walks, solitude, writing, exploring. GWM, 44, HIV-, "INFP," classical musician/teacher, self-aware. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★9399.

Penpals Wanted: Caucasian Or Asian
Penpals wanted to share viewpoints about life, hobbies, politics, etc. All in good taste. I enjoy classical music, bike riding, hang-gliding, weightlifting, reading and more. I don't smoke or drink. I'm Caucasian, 45, 6′2″, 200#. Write with photo: Randy, Suite 33-238, 4555 N. Pershing Ave., Stockton 95207.

Amaze Yourself
Meet a progressive kind of guy. I'm early 40s, look mid-30s, 160 lbs., 6 ft., brn, brn, HIV-. Pursuits include meditating, swimming, cycling, and an astounding appetite for books and musical diversity. My personality tends to be introverted yet gutsy. Sane, socially conscious, I can be an animated conversationalist with a responsive and sensuous nature. If your spirit is receptive, send a photo and tell about yourself. Sorry, mail responses only. Reply BT Box AG87A.

Best Of Both Worlds
45 y.o. WM, 5′10″, 150 lbs., br/br, very hairy, hot, hung, vers., but also very well-educated with a multitude of both intellectual and outdoor activities. Travel extensively here & abroad, hikes, camping, opera, boats, trains, dogs, politics, history, you name it. Economically independent with a great deal of free time/flexibility. HIV+, very healthy, looking for friends/lover to share my active life. Reply BT Box AG88A or call ★★9400.

Slim Asian Wanted
Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6′2″, 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Hey You... (Yeah You!!!)
... Ever been on a mini-vacation in the boonies? The kind of weekend where you and a bud zipped two sleeping bags together and held each other all night under the stars. Yes, you guessed it—another hopeless romantic!!! Sure, I've had my "cheap sex moments of glory" but they were just that—moments... As for me I'm 31, 6′1″, 165 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. I'm very masculine, good-looking to cute, usually tan, very friendly and outgoing. As for you, you're over 18 but not over 32, don't live in clubs, have a generally optimistic outlook, are playful but have a serious side with a fantastic sense of humor! Extra points given for other hopeless romantics (after all, I'm the world's best kisser!). I don't believe in instant anything but everything has to start somewhere—maybe this time it could just be with a phone call... Reply BT Box AG89A or call ★★9401.

This Could Be It
Attractive, mature man would like to meet same (38 to early 50s) who is sensitive, intelligent, emotionally available and who, like myself, enjoys his life and would like to share it with the right person. A positive energy and attitude a must, plus a good sense of humor. Enjoy theater, films, travel, music, good food and sex (not necessarily in that order!). Let's meet. You never can tell.... Call ★★9402.

Sexually Conservative
Handsome WM, 36, 5′8″, 135 lbs., moustache, seeks masculine boyfriend over 35 who is affectionate, has own money, sense of humor, enjoys cuddling and sleeping together. I am a very nice guy who isn't into anything kinky. Sex is not my priority, but could happen after a loving relationship has developed. PO Box 421466, SF 94142.

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healthy, social drinker, nonsmoker, ambitious, warm, supportive, interested in bridge, travel, cooking, socializing with good friends, exercise and sharing. Similar levels of income, education, aspirations are pluses. Inner qualities more important than externals. I am a successful, professional, healthy Southerner and fit the above. Currently living in East Bay but the world is my space. Reply 584 Castro St., #608, SF 94114 or call ★★9403.

Natural Man

Looking for that special connection with a like-minded buddy. I know you're out there, friend. It's time we got together. I'm 42, 5′11″, 160 lbs., HIV-, fit, bearded, hazel eyes; a down-to-earth, bright, good-looking man. Love nature, the outdoors, backpacking, music (rock to Bach), skin-to-skin contact, swimming, environmental politics, hiking, reading, redwood groves, ocean vistas, deep-dish pesto pizza, Jung, travel, drumming, spontaneity, Joseph Campbell, men's bodies, humor, poetry, foreplay, play, afterplay. Seeking men who are creative, happy, grounded, adventurous, passionate and compassionate, life affirming; men of good humor and good heart, fit, who have a social conscience, are unafraid of intimacy, and while bright, communicate from the heart and balls as much as the brain. If this ad is talking to you, write (with photo, please) and let me hear about it, to Box 170426, SF 94117.

Attractive Asian

Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★9404.

Daytime Escapade

Handsome Asian, 32. Athletic, clean, HIV-, would like to meet a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker, GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★9405.

My Lover And Best Friend

I'm not looking for a daddy or a son. I'm Chinese, in my 30s, younger-looking and very fun to be around. I'm 5′9″, 135 lbs., well-educated professional. I'm looking for a nice-looking GWM who is in his mid-20s to early-30s and who has a good heart and many positive qualities. I'm a non-smoker, HIV-, light drinker, smart, funny, romantic and versatile. I like you to be flexible and not afraid to make the commitment. I will be very happy if you can surprise me with your good taste in men, clothes, foods and willingness to help other people. Call ★★9406.

Seeking Loving Relationship

Sincere, thoughtful, caring GWM wants a lasting relationship. I'm sincere about a relationship and sharing my life with that special man who is devoted, mature, responsible and is able to receive affection, as well as return affection. I'm 46, 195#, brn/brn, masc., educated, good job, responsible, gym toned physique and take pride in my appearance. I'm home oriented—enjoying quiet eves at home with my partner, cooking, relaxing and just plain sharing our lives together. Also enjoy CW dancing, long drives, artistic projects and holding my partner and telling him how much I care. I have had two lovers; I'm faithful, loyal, and respect and listen to my partner, am honest with him and dedicated to our mutual desire to achieve a lasting, fulfilling relationship. Reply BT Box AG90A.

Slow & Steady

Progressive, in-shape, HIV-, 40-yr.-old GWM seeks clean sex-positive QM (28-38), interested in long, slow, stiff J/O sessions and other safe, physical intimacies. No smokers or moustaches please. Reply BT Box AG91A or call ★★9407.

Brotherhood And Spanking

Warmhearted WM, young for 42, 6′2″, 173 lbs., HIV-, cleanshaven, trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, seeks slim or skinny brother, 18-34, for give or take, preferably both, with hand or strap. Limits respected. Also enjoy movies, massage, swimming, meditation, sincere friendship. Any race OK (Asians welcome). Yo hablo Espanol. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Is Spanking A Turn-On?!

If playful, sensual spanking is something you like getting and giving, this WM, 40ish, 5′10″, 160, hairy, HIV-, wants to meet you. Not into S/M or roleplay. You are WM under 50, nice butt, facial and body hair a plus. We also enjoy kissing, cuddling, massage, J/O. Open tc new friendships. Send letter and photo and I will respond. PO Box 424771, SF 94142-4771.

Optimistic Archer

Athletic, masculine WM seeks same for relationship. Me: 35, 5′10″, 150 lbs., smooth, lean, muscular & well-defined. Boyishly handsome & cleanshaven. NS, ND, HIV-. I like to work out, swim & bike. Working class roots/non-stereotypical/independent thinkers encouraged. Masculine & athletic only, please. Photo & letter. Reply BT Box AG92A or call ★★9408.

Woof

My favorite kind of sex is one part aggression and two parts affection. Hot man (32, 5′8″, 165#, gym five times a week, blue eyes, brown moustache and sexy bald spot), especially likes Latinos, Arabs and short guys... but chemistry is everything. Pluses for nice legs, great smiles and wrestlers. Reply BT Box AG93A or call ★★9409.

Irresistible Urge

To share honest, intimate relations with one wonderful man—be friends, companions, confidants, lovers. Laughter, romance, sensuality and a shared future will keep us fresh and alive. Lost my lover of nine years, one year ago. I'm ready to move forward, hoping love and lifetime commitment will happen again. I'm 49, 5′8″, 195 lbs., HIV-, gray hair/moustache, attractive, intelligent, with a disposition both lively/humorous and quiet/contemplative. Enjoy music from classical to Gypsy Kings, reading, writing, PWA volunteer work, creative arts/crafts, videos from classic movies to Falcon, serious conversation, spontaneous fun. Father of grown children. Not into athletics, gym, cruising, bars or back rooms. You're GWM, HIV-, 40 to 60, FrA/P, slightly more top, willing to explore mutual delights. Your looks, size not priority, but your kindness, unpretentiousness, stability, monogamy and desire for serious commitment are. Reply BT Box AG94A or call ★★9410.

Him

He probably rides a motorcycle, drives a pickup, convertible or VW camper. Intelligent, manly, humorous, giving and probably sporting a 'stache; he's a professional, perhaps dark-haired, comfortable being gay in a straight world. He's looking for a nurturing, trusting total love and won't settle for less. He's a man I can respect. See qualities of yourself here? Then this 28, br/br, 'stached, intelligent, professional, boyish GWM wants to meet you. Interests include: music, dance, Jeopardy, sign language, the outdoors and much more. Reply BT Box AG95A or call ★★9411.

You're a GWM with integrity; 35-55 yrs., attractive and fit. You enjoy the outdoors, home and sharing. Your talents/responsibilities help define you yet you strive for balance in life. You have doubts but success and failure have made you compassionate, with an appreciation and zest for life. When it comes to love, you want a man worthy of respect/trust, who is as passionate in bed as you; considerate and gives you space to be. This is you and this is me. I am a youthful, sensual GWM, 54, HIV-, living in the South Bay. Your personal letter will get my response. Reply BT Box AG96A or call ★★9412.

Discipline Me

GWM, 5′10″, 170 lbs., late 30s, HIV-, attractive, seeks similar masculine GWM to late 40s. Want a safe and sane top to introduce me to safe ass play incl. spanking, toys and fucking (condom required). Also open to fantasy/role play/bondage but not S/M or wierdness. Pls be dominant yet caring; respectful of limits while being firm. Call ★★9413.

Can Dreams Come True?

I've always wanted a special dad/son relationship and even have brothers, like a family, plus to live on a farm or ranch, have a big garden, chickens, rabbits, horses, plus. They're not necessarily gay, but there is love, acceptance and fun as well as work. Dad's a "Big" man and overprotective. Has varied interests, not a smoker/doper/alcoholic/vegetarian. He's also my best friend and loves country music. I'm 39, 5′8″, 185, blond/blue, HIV-, cowboy at heart, love to cook, have many hobbies, plus I also do a lot of arts & craft work that I sell. To know more about me, write to "Dreamer." Reply BT Box AG97A or call ★★9414.

Experiment

There was a study that found that the best predicter of a couple's compatibility was not personality, shared interest or common background, but that the length of the middle finger and the inter-ocular distance of each person was the same. Hey, it's science. It's gotta be true! Me: Right middle finger length = 8.5 cm. Interocular distance (distance between pupil centers) = 6.85 cm. You should be within 5 percent. Skeptical? OK. Here's some more info. GWM, 5′10″, 150 lbs., HIV-, masculine, handsome, musical, introspective, looking for similar for a close, trusting relationship. Call ★★9415.

Seek And Ye Shall Find...

Somewhere out there is a man God intends on me meeting. However, I haven't met him yet, so I'm trying through this ad. I'd like to meet someone who knows and loves God, and is daily working out his own salvation as I am. Maybe the 2 of us can walk together on God's path, discovering the reality of a Christ-centered gay relationship. Me: 25, Asian/American, serious Christian but comfortable with my own sexuality, considered handsome, tall, black hair, dark brown eyes, trim moustache, serious yet playful, passionate and caring. You: 30-40, GWM, Christian, romantic, sensitive and caring, able to love and be loved, facial hair is also nice. Us: A team, best friends, supporting each other in prayer, love and worship, monogamous, not into bars, sharing similar values. If God moves you to respond, please do with a detailed letter and photo (if possible) or leave a message on voicemail. Only serious replies please. Reply BT Box AG98A or call ★★9416.

Dick Wanted

—With man attached—for J/O adventures. Do you like being jerked off by another guy? Do you like having another man's hands all over your body? If so, then let's connect. I'm a GWM, 46, 5′8″, 170 lbs., br/bl, and am HIV-. Reply Boxholder, Box 426648, SF 94142.

Hopeful Romantic

Good-looking, affectionate, romantic, great kisser, WM, 37, 6′, 165, br/hzl, seeks potential boyfriend material. I'm intelligent, well-educated, well-travelled, with a successful career in science, own my SF home. I have a short beard (usually), very short hair (with tail), moderately hairy, uncut, HIV-. Interests: travel (tropics, Europe, exotic), movies, music, exercise, gardening, good food. About you: 28-42, attractive, interesting, honest, romantic, versatile, nonsmoker, light drinker. Let's have some fun and see what develops. Letter/photo to PO Box 31924, SF 94131-0924 or call ★★9417. Photo returned with one of mine.

Handsome Outdoorsman

Masculine and athletic, blue-eyed GWM, 5′10″, 165, age 53, seeks younger (35-45?), attractive, masculine man for potential lover. I'm warm, stable, have a sense of humor, and I'm easy to be with, as are you. Pluses include interest in hiking, bicycling, weekend outings, sleeping bags zipped together, mutual massage, starry nights, or quiet but romantic nights at home. Call ★★9418.

Cal Student

GWM, 20, 5′11″, 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, cleanshaven, masculine, nonsmoker, no drugs, genuine, honest and intelligent. Seeking another similar, masculine, GWM, boy-next-door-type dude, who is 18-24, lives in the East Bay (only) and is friendship/relationship oriented. Students and athletic guys a plus. Call ★★9419.

Hey You—Read This

GWM, 26, 5′10″, 160 lbs., brn/blue, HIV-, masculine, straight-acting, honest, attractive, cool guy, seeks someone to laugh & hang with. Not into cruisy bar scene, wants to meet same for friendship, then let the gods decide. Call or write. Reply BT Box AG99A or call ★★9420.

Balance: Body And Soul

Attracted to smooth, good-looking Asians, Latins or ?, 20-35, but also seeking more serious Partner (or just friends—all types): moderate-independent Christian or ?, philosophy, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Chaplin, music (pop, jazz, etc., etc.), Far Side sense of humor, XX fantasy (but stable lifestyle), easygoing and casual, no heavy bar scene, ethnic food, etc.... I'm WM, 29, 5′9″, 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★9421.

Read This One

I love my job and my apartment—can I have all this and a lover too? Can I succeed where Mary Tyler Moore failed? I'm into movies, books, dancing, walks, eating out, concerts (jazz to progressive), Josie's, cafes, biking, street fairs, exploring the city. You should have goals, sense of humor, enjoy mornings in bed, nights out and in, conversation and quiet times. Stats—Me: 28, 6′6″, 230 lbs., blond, hazel, hairy, cleanshaven, nonsmoker. You? Reply BT Box AG100A or call ★★9422.

You Are My Dad And/Or Brother/Lover,

But only if you are my servant/slave. This "hot" cowboy bear is 39, 5′8″, 195, blond/blue, semi-hairy, HIV-, domissive, into rubber, leather, spandex, uniforms, plus. Age and looks are unimportant, though I prefer 5′10″+ or 5′6″-under. You're a nonsmoker/doper/vegetarian, social drinker, animal lover, stable, limits expandable. My wish is your command. To know more about this "hot" cowboy, write to the "Rubber Cowboy." Reply BT Box AG101A or call ★★9423.

Short Stature Submissive GWM Wanted

I'm a dominant, blue collar, 38 years, GWM, 6′¾″, a husky 210 lbs., moderately hairy, of fair complexion, dark brown moustache, brown eyes, black hair (balding), straight acting, and HIV-. I'm seeking a submissive, straight acting, GWM, 21 to 45 years, 5′6″ in height or less, of average to slim build, HIV-; who's into manual manipulation of his body. Not just the body in general, but the more erotic areas as well. One in particular, exteriorly and interiorly. You know that one, guy! Must have weekends available, live from San Francisco to San Jose, and activity will take place at your residence. PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

Searching For The Long Run

GWM, 39 y.o., brown hair, brown eyes, professional, East Bay, HIV-; looking to meet other men for friendship and, if the chemistry is right, dating. I'm 5′11″, sort of Mediterranean appearing, with a hairy chest and a "swimmer's build." I have plenty of education and professional development. Now I'm looking to grow in a loving bond with spiritual, mental and physical connection. A longterm relationship is my ultimate goal but any friendships developed along the way would be greatly appreciated. If you're 34 to 44 y.o., slim to medium in build, educated and looking to develop a quality partnership, let's talk. Reply BT Box AG102A or call ★★9424.

Country Rad

Not looking for innocent farm-boy or beach-boy from down South. Am looking for somebody with a mind as crazy as me, into country talk, mountains, leather, old denim, toys from the hardware store, rubber gear made from old inner tubes, radical safe sleaze (radical country politics, too, if you're into that). 5′7″, 140, 55, 70 miles north of SF. Reply BT Box AG103A or call ★★9425.

Healthy, Active, Passionate PWA

Wants fun, friendships, romance and a good kisser. I'm 31 y.o., 6′2″, 180#, br/gr, cleanshaven, in-shape and good-looking. I enjoy the gym, dancing, quiet eves in, wild nights out, kissing and lots more. All calls will be answered. Call ★★9426.

"Tenderness Is The Best..."

I agree. Nothing stirs more the heart, soul and body of this 6′, 180#, GBM than a gentle caress, a tender kiss. However, even in my 40s, I'm allegedly physically intimidating. Well, sure, everything is abundantly in the right places but, really, I'm more the sweetheart type in a big guy's body. Without the attitude. Still, maybe that's why you sweet-natured, short (5′4″ to 5′9″) guys don't stop, even when our eyes meet. Maybe you think, "He probably gets enough attention." Maybe some of these wonderful tall guys are not my thrill, though. You are. Especially if, along with being (as my late friend, Fergy, once put it) "an apartment-sized man" (28-42), you have nice hands (or feet!), maybe long hair, perhaps not. If I was really lucky, this FrA, GrA, highly lovable and loving man would find that you enjoy having your sensitive nipples gently chewed on, or being nuzzled on your neck. It would go beyond luck to find you'd been born in May (Taurus) or November (Scorpio). All this, covered by a nicely shaped body (but understand, I'm not looking for a mirror image of me) would be for naught if you lacked compassion for others, some type of spiritual belief, or carry discriminatory attitudes. Emotional communicativeness is so important—I can't reach out to you if I don't know something's wrong. And if you enjoy music, dancing, eating (and I cook!), walks, reading, movies or traveling, we shouldn't run out of things to discuss. Maybe as you learn to trust me, you won't be averse to my wrapping my big frame around your smaller one or even, perhaps someday, offering my heart to yours. It's only happened once before, but surely there is more than one man who can inspire my love. The beginning consists of one small investment: a letter, a picture to put your mind to a face. You can have mine, too. But for now, the seed is planted. What fruit will our tree bear? I hope you want to know. I do. Write. Call. Reveal. Reply BT Box AG104A or call ★★9427.

Looking For Asian Boyfriend

Lonely, stable GWM hoping to find Asian friend, leading to a relationship. I'm friendly, romantic, affectionate, but usually shy. Interests include computers (work in computer industry), electronics, science fiction, cats, travel, watching TV, quiet times at home, more. Don't smoke or drink. I am 39, brown hair/eyes, 5′11″, 195#. If you are looking for the same: PO Box 5357, San Mateo 94402 (photo if possible) or call ★★9428.

I'm Not Afraid Of Intimacy

I'm looking for a guy like me, who's got a strong character. Someone who is honest, warm, caring, responsible. The basics. They're easier to talk about than to find. I'm 25 (Too young? You might be surprised.), redhead, good-looking, 6′, 170#, friendly & bright. I don't smoke. I take life seriously, but enjoy being silly sometimes. I aim for the middle ground. I crave affection and go crazy for guys who are masculine and still in touch with their emotions. Other stuff about me: I'm driven, stable, very healthy, HIV-, optimistic, adventurous & mostly really enjoy life. Want a date? Don't be afraid to ask. Reply BT Box AG105A or call ★★9429.

The Love Space Demands

It defines me as a warm, romantic, sensual, healthy, honest and attractive, 5′8″, 135 lbs., 37-yr.-old GBM. It compels me to fill the void and illuminate the emptiness with the light of another. I know if I find someone who is 25-38, handsome, funny, stable, healthy, trim and sexually versatile/bottom, it will be at peace. Let's explore life together. We can travel, dance, dine, hold each other, be playful in bed, and make dreams a reality. We will be engulfed by the Love Space eventually, but that is the reward. Reply BT Box AG106A or call ★★9430.

Romantic, But Slightly Cynical

Very affectionate and demonstrative, young 41-year-old, 5′10½″, 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy, stable and communicative, seeks energetic man who is in touch with his feelings and comfortable with intimacy. I have a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), varied interests (esp. languages, current events, modern European culture), good sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★9431.

Submissive Lover Seeks Master

GWM, 38, 5′9″, attractive, professional, financially secure seeks discreet Master/Slave relationship. I have much love to give and sincere desire to serve. I need a long-term relationship, combining discipline and service with romance and fun. I seek an attractive, level-headed Master in his 40s, who possesses warmth, emotional and financial security, sexual creativity, and an ability to accept love. I would like to make a home for my Master and build a shared life with him. Sir, I hope to be your friend and partner, as well as your faithful slave. Call ★★9432.

Husband Material

34-year-old, somewhat moody and shy attorney, would like to settle down with an outgoing, affectionate, younger Latin. Drawn to handsome faces, I have a muscular build, and those muscles surround a humorous, thoughtful and warm heart. Hoping for someone who is bright, independent and, at times, silly enough to pull me away from the office. Call ★★9433.

We wake up (have sex), get ready for work, make dinner plans (cook or go out?), talk about our day, plan our weekend over dinner (mountains, shopping, family?). Don't forget the gym, doctors, movies and (more) sex. I am 32, WM prof., HIV+, 6′, br/gr, great smile; an entertaining man tired of waking up alone. If you're into life, healthy, positive, WM under 40, let's wake up together. Reply BT Box AG107A.

Gemoeglichkeit

Good friends I have. I am looking for what comes w/the next level. Yes, I seek intimacy which seems so important at this stage of life. Want to give it a try? You: NS, ND, and willing. Me: 6′, 195#, bl/bl w/touch of gray, moustache, NS, ND. Likes: cars, music, cooking, evenings at home, cuddling while watching TV. Call ★★9434.

Long-Term Relationship

Featuring laughter, tenderness, honesty and creativity. Reincarnational beliefs essential. Also essential to be comfortable with full emotional range from tender loving to primal screaming. Both of us are independent, attractive, healthy, HIV-, nonsmokers, non-drug-users. Me: GWM, professional, 51, 5′10″, 165#. You: probably somewhat younger but at least 32. Together: walks, ideas, massage, nature. Call ★★9435.

Attention Geothermal Freaks

Hot guys looking for others to join road trip from Mono Lake to Death Valley, October 2-10 (approx.) for hot springs, hot times, sun and celebration. Accommodations flexible (camping/motel). Must have transportation and a commitment to happiness. (Note: We are not charging for a ser-

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vice, but seek traveling companions.) Call ★★9436.

Working-Class Black Sheep
With chameleon propensities, big blue eyes, short hair, and sharp tongue, searching what's left of the jungle for other unique species. Bored by survival of the samest. But have neither ability nor desire for "straight" or "gay" appearing. 31, 6', 160, protean, QWBoy, just wondering if there's another misfit out there in search of a companion. Reply BT Box AG108A or call ★★9437.

Honest Men Only
GBM, 29, 250 lbs., 6', HIV-, seeks GWM, 27-45, tall with a nice build, for friendship, romance and possible relationship. Shared interests are camping, bike riding, jogging and long walks. I'm non-alcoholic, nonsmoker and non-drug-user, you should be also. If you are a serious, honest man, give me a call or write me a letter. Reply BT Box AG109A or call ★★9438.

Manly Muscles
GWM, 45, 175 lbs., 5'10", full of fun & very muscular, seeks similar healthy professional who is relationship-oriented. Masculine, muscular, good-looking and a high self-image describes us. Photo & letter. Reply BT Box AG110A or call ★★9439.

The Dear Love Of Comrades
Queer WM, 44, 5'8"; 165 lbs., cleanshaven, hairy, shy moody semi-nocturnal modern primitive pagan shaman poet tattooed writer intellectual woodworker musician sex magician sci-fi/fantasy nut into music, books, creativity, movies, lust, tribal drumming, rituals, camping, backpacking, pleasure walking on the beach at night, TOPY, Celtic Faery lore, howling at the moon, unity of body and spirit, gardening, exploring people/intimacy/bodies/souls/hearts; wants cleanshaven guys, 18-27, of like mind for mutual friendship, intimacy, exploration and pleasure. Smooth, long hair a+, shy inexp. OK. Call ★★9440.

Seeking Special Asian
Handsome, young GWM hoping to find "special" Asian for friendship that develops into loving, devoted relationship. I have much to offer a companion. 5'10", soft brown curly hair, green eyes. Happy, healthy, very romantic, and good sense of humor. Educated, professional, honest and very ambitious (currently president of three corporations). Looking for man under 30, attractive, intelligent, goal-oriented, honest, clean, nonsmoker. I'm attracted to trim bodies, slender hips, minimal body hair and big smiles! Is this you? Please send recent photo (I will return), descriptive info, address and phone number. Take a chance... This could be something wonderful! A.C. Reply BT Box AG111A or call ★★9441.

You And Me, Maybe
I've been around. I've had one great love. My needs are met. But I want a boyfriend. I'm 44, 5'6", 135, furry, moustached, passionate, HIV-, exclusively oral, a languorous kisser, an Olympic cuddler, an affectionate buddy, sober, a good talker, a great listener, basically optimistic, a reader, a writer, sort of cute... handsome... whatever... and I wouldn't mind getting laid on my birthday. You're 25-50, bigger, better looking, healthy, well-endowed, creative, intelligent enough, and more adventurous. I'd like to walk down Castro Street with you at my side, share pizza and watch old movies in bed, spend a rainy weekend in Mendocino, experience the fun and the magic two romantic men can find. Drop me a line. Send a photo. No loud-mouthed egotists, Type As, or Republicans, please. Reply BT Box AG112A or call ★★9442.

Chenrezig, Anyone?
GWM, Tibetan Buddhist, 40, HIV+, 175#, (double Scorpio), seeking partner/consort for sex meditation. Must know how to surrender, follow instructions and be karmically connected with me such that when I kiss you your body hairs stand on end. I am not looking for a lover or a relationship as I spend most of my time in silence, but if there's someone out there who knows what bliss is possible in a divine embrace, what miracles are possible in a heart filled with compassion, and what joy is possible in the meeting of two minds in luminous emptiness, then I now make myself available to you. Call ★★9443.

Muscular, Musical And More
I am a highly educated, successful, career oriented Jewish professional. I am also handsome, HIV-, a nonsmoker, very youthful, 45, 5'10", athletic and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts at the gym, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, world travel, playing Mozart piano sonatas on my Steinway, and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer tremendous enthusiasm, a great sense of humor, as well as the desire to develop a long-term monogamous relationship. I am seeking a partner, 28-plus and very muscular, who shares similar values and aspirations. Reply BT Box AG113A or call ★★9444.

Tired Of Toad Kissing?
Me, too! Handsome, romantic, forty-something GWM professional (5'11", 175, br/bl) seeks similar class act self-possessed enough to explore friendship, intimacy, long-term relationship. If you know yourself, are put together inside & out, and seek a special man who can show up, be present, and create a shared life, let's talk! Call ★★9445.

Queer Gay Nerd
Seeks cute, slim, literate boyfriend for snuggling, wiggling, mingling, tingling, giggling, etc. I'm WM (duh), 39, 5'10", 155#, nice body, outdoorish, HIV-, smoker. I had another playfully cogent enticement, but now I can't remember it. Reply BT Box AG114A.

Asian
GAM, 44 years old, 125 lbs., 5'6", caring, honest, sincere, sensitive, easygoing, seeks a mature GWM for possible relationship. Please be a nonsmoker/drinker and a non-drug user. With you I would like to enjoy quiet times, music, walking, cooking, traveling... Please reply with phone/photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box AG115A.

Regular Guy
Masculine, hairy, HIV-, regular guy, seeks same for relatively discreet, caring, sexual friendship. I am a 40-yr.-old WM, 5'9", 170, brn/brn, top/versatile. Enjoy the outdoors, the arts, cuddling, etc. You are husky or stocky, warmhearted, not particularly into gay lifestyle/culture. Married or bi OK. Brownie points for blue eyes, being Irish or Polish! Letter and photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 20896, Oakland 94620.

Just Looking For A Real Man
Are you straight acting and appearing, masculine GWM? 5'11" or taller? 30 to 36 years old? Do you have big strong arms and a big meaty chest, a nice round paunch? Are you sensitive, loving and caring? (I'm not asking for much, am I?) Then you might be just the right guy this 30-year-old GWM is looking for. I'm 5'11", 178 lbs., sandy blond hair with blue eyes. I have hairy legs and a hairy belly, with a little hair on my chest and a tight, bubble butt. I enjoy riding my motorcycle, working in my friend's yard, lying in the sun, rock music, going out once in a while and evenings at home, reading, watching TV or just lying around with someone being romantic. If you share some of these interests and have a few of your own to add, send a picture (I will return the picture) and a note. Moustaches +. Live in SF ++. Reply BT Box AG116A or call ★★9446.

Wanted
Masc., attractive, well-hung top, HIV-, between ages 18-30. Me: 5'10", 185, dark hair and eyes, Italian-looking, 28, attractive, intelligent, masc., enjoy movies, sports, travel, adventure, exploration, possible relationship. Call ★★9447.

Tall Huggable Berkeley Nature Baby
Shy at first, yet warm easily to gentle, loving, open hearts. Seek another very affectionate, very sensitive, open-minded, easygoing, playful, emotionally available and expressive, introspective, aware, growth oriented, spiritual, nature lover with a warm, ready smile, childlike enthusiasm and a very sensitive, sensual, lean, huggable body. Someone who would enjoy carefree day trips hiking and/or exploring rural towns. I'm 6'2", 175 lbs., tight, muscular, hairy, masculine, handsome with sexy, deep, bright, blue eyes, real short, dark blond hair, thick moustache, warm frisky smile and long, sensual, talented tongue. You: handsome, boyish or cute, any age, tight healthy, smooth to hairy body, and real hard, extra sensitive throbber, any size, that loves slow, passionate, expert oral action. My interests include: camping, plants, animals, birds, mountains, beaches, city walks, flea markets, PBS, slapstick comedy, movies (old and new), cuddling, nurturing, massage, yoga, meditation, holistic healing, passionate kissing, soothing music, witty banter and open, honest communication. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★9448.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through October 13. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

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☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
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☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . ____
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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

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Call Greta at the *SF Bay Times,* (415) 626-8121, Monday through Friday, 10 am-6 pm.

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7. New Queer in Town? Here's what you need to know!
8. Our Opinion on Burning Issues of the Day

This Issue's Opinion Poll Question:
All other things being equal, would you be more inclined to vote for female candidates for public office?

To register your opinion, call OutLine and press 3 for the *SF Bay Times* Menu.

Last Issue's Opinion Poll Question:
Do you think the lesbian/gay/bisexual community should consolidate around the Clinton/Gore Presidential ticket?

Yes: 86.4% **No: 12.4%**
No Opinion: 1.2%

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OutLine Advertisers and Box Numbers

Here are our current OutLine advertisers and their OutLine box numbers. If you want to hear an advertiser's message, just call OutLine at 989-9999, press 2 at the main menu, and enter their box number. That's it! (Note: If you want to hear the messages of all advertisers in a particular category, press 1 at the main menu and follow instructions from there.)

AIDS Health Care
APP ..... Box 5200

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Donald Currie ..... Box 5300
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Earthtones ..... Box 3704
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Off Your Dot ..... Box 3702
So Ho ..... Box 3703

Auto Repair
Automotion ..... Box 6800
Metro Motors ..... Box 6801
Phoenix Auto ..... Box 6802

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Lyon-Martin ..... Box 5400

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Lynette Lane ..... Box 7201

Home Furnishings
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Center for Natural Health ..... Box 5602
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Record Rack ..... Box 3301
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Michael Loeb Photography ..... Box 7100

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Restaurants
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Social/Cultural/Community Groups
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Special Events
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